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## Tokyo Merger Creates a Superbank as Global Leader

Union Of Mitsubishi And the Bank of Tokyo To Dwarf Competitors

> By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO - The talks began over a few drinks between the presidents of two of Japan's foremost banks. They resulted in the announcement of a merger that, if finalized, would create the largest bank in the world, nearly four times the size of

Citicorp.

After a cagey trail of "no comments" and denials earlier in the day, the presidents of Mitsubishi-Bank Ltd. and the Bank of Tokyo sat shoulder-to-shoulder Tuesday night to declare that the two

banks planned to merge.

The new bank, tentatively called Tokyo Mitsubishi Bank, would combine the two Japanese banks with the highest quality. assets, creating a powerful superbank that linked Bank of Tokyo's strong global pres-ence with Mitsubishi's extensive domesticbranch network

"It's like marrying the two most beautiful people in the world," said Alicia Ogawa, a financial analyst at Salomon Brothers Asia Ltd. "Hey, let's spread the wealth around,"

The new bank would have assets of 72.8

trillion yen (\$820 billion), more than the largest U.S. and European banks — Citicorp and Credit Lyonnais — combined.

Before trading in both banks' stock was suspended on Tuesday, Bank of Tokyo's shares rose 150 yen, or 12 percent to 1,400 yen, while Missphich! Penk's charge yen, while Mitsubishi Bank's shares climbed 160 yen, or 8 percent, to 2,150 yen.

The Japanese stock market, moreover, staged its biggest rally in two months on speculation of the merger. The Nikkei 225 stock index rose 585.48 points to close at

Since both banks have sizable subsidiaries in California, the proposed linkage raised questions about how United States regulatory authorities would view the merger, Mitsubishi Bank owns Bank of California, while Bank of Tokyo owns Union Bank.

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The two bank presidents declined to give specific details on how the merger would occur, but shareholders were expected to vote on the deal in May, analysts

Mitsubishi Bank was founded as the Mitsubishi Exchange Office, established in 1880 by Yatoro Iwasaki, founder of the giant Mitsubishi group. How much banks. have changed, however, was underscored by the way in which the presidents on Tuesday suggested how the merger came about: Simply put, the two men just seemed to get along with each other.

"As bank presidents, we frequently met in various occasions, including drinking

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FIRST LADY IN INDIA - Hillary Clinton, continuing her tour of South Asia, being greeted Monday by nuns at Mother Teresa's orphanage in New Delhi.

## A Nigerian Killing Field That's Also Rich in Oil

By Howard W. French New York Times Service.

AMINIGBOKO, Nigeria — Two years after reports of a government-directed campaign of killings first began to filter out of this oil-producing region of southeastern Nigeria, an international human rights group says that it has collected many accounts of victims and participants in military attacks on the Ogoni ethnic group.

According to a report by the organization, Human Rights Watch/Africa, over the last two years Nigerian soldiers have repeatedly attacked Ogoni hamlets, shoot-

ing unarmed-villagers, raping women and burning their In one of these attacks in 1993, the report said, soldiers were told they were being sent to repel an incursion by troops of neighboring Cameroon into a disputed border

"When we arrived, they told us to shoot everyone who crossed our path," a Nigerian soldier who took part in the attack on an Ogoni village told Human Rights Watch. "I followed my orders until I realized that the approaching civilians were Nigerians."

The reports of army-led drives against the Ogoni — a 500,000-member ethnic group whose densely populated homeland is situated in Nigeria's oldest oil-producing region — come at a time of growing calls, both inside Nigeria and abroad, for sanctions to isolate the dictator-

ship of General Sani Abacha. At the heart of the campaign of violence, residents of the oil-producing Niger River Delta say, is a conflict that pits the interests of the Ogoni against Shell Petroleum Development Co. of Nigeria. For years, the Ogoni have been at the forefront of demands by many of Nigeria's ethnic minorities that the government both do more to protect their environment and share more revenue with

oil-producing lands in the southeast. In addition to destroying their lands, the Ogoni have variously accused Shell of ordering army reprisals and of the Ogoni in the form of money and intelligence.

Shell officials at the company's sprawling operational theadquarters for eastern Nigeria in Port Harcourt, the capital of Rivers state, deny both assertions, saying that

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## UN Corruption Cop: New Man on a Very Political Beat

By Julia Preston

NEW YORK - He doesn't look like a gumshoe. His suit is natty and his air urbane. His English is flawless, polished during the many years be served the German government at its embassy in Wash-

Karl Theodore Paschke is the top management cop at the United Nations, in

charge of ferreting out waste and corrup-tion in the organization's notorious bu-reaucracy. He is the first official to fill a job, informally known as inspector-general, that was created last year by the UN General Assembly after a campaign by the United States and a threat from Congress to withhold funding if the organization did

A lot of American money still rides on the German diplomat's performance. A bill sponsored by the Republican speaker,

Newt Gingrich of Georgia, that passed the House in February would withhold up to half of U.S. funds for UN peacekeeping

met the standard and key Republicans will say he has oot. Both will be partly right.

To the frustration of the U.S. Mission. unless President Bill Clinton certifies that a fully independent, adequately staffed and funded UN inspector-general is scruti-nizing all branches of the system and tell-

ing governments what he or she finds.

Based on his progress so far, Mr.

Paschke will find himself in coming weeks at the center of a partisan struggle in which the administration will argue that he has

which backed Mr. Paschke to fill the new post, he has been slow off the mark. Since he started in November, be has issued only one public report — on a \$4 million theft in the UN Mission in Somalia that was investigated well before he took office.

Even congressional Democrats who tra-See UN, Page 6

## Allies Likely To Reject U.S. Plea for Ban Of Libyan Oil

**Extending Sanctions** Gets No Support in Europe or Middle East

> By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

PARIS - Oil industry executives dismissed Tuesday the possibility of imposing a global embargo on Libyan oil purchases, saying it would be strongly opposed by European buyers of Libyan oil, including Italy, Germany and France, as well as a

number of Arab allies of the United States. The White House confirmed Tuesday that the United States would ask the United Nations to impose an embargo on Libya because of Libya's refusal to turn over two suspects in the December 1988 bomb-

ing of a Pan Am jetliner over Scotland.
The White House press secretary, Michael McCurry, said that consultations have already begun with members of the Security Council.

On Monday, W. Aothony Lake, President Bill Clinton's national security adviser, told a group of relatives of victims of the Pan Am Flight 103 bombing, which the administration accuses two Libyan secret service agents of planning, that Washing-ton would ask the United Nations Security Council next month for a worldwide embargo of Libya's exports of 1.1 million barrels a day, which represent the country's only source of revenue.

A restricted regime of sanctions bas been in force since 1992 after Libya refused to hand over the Libyan suspects for trial in the United States or Scotland, All 259 passengers, including 189 Americans and the crew, died and 11 people on the

ground were killed in the bombing. Senior oil executives and international consultants interviewed by phone in Loodon, Geneva, Paris, Brussels and Zurich were unanimous Tuesday in the view that the United States would have to trapose such a ban virtually by force through a

naval blockade. They added that Washington could not expect members of the UN Security Council to acquiesce in such a move.

Italy, Germany and Spain are big clients of Libyan oil, which is of a light variety. It is much favored because of its proximity to Mediterranean markets and the ease of refining it into gasoline and other prod-

A senior European Union official in Brussels said be doubted the Europeans would go along with further sanctions on Libya because its oil may be difficult to replace without significant economic disruptions for Europe.

The official, who noted that he spoke privately but that his views reflected dominant feelings among members of the European Union, also said that Tunisia and Morocco, which have close ties with the

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# END OF SUSPENSE — Clutching their trophies backstage after the 67th annual Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles, the top Oscar winners: Martin Landan, left, Dianne Weist, Jessica Lange and Tom Hanks. Page 22.

#### AGENDA

#### Second U.S. Missile Defense Test Fails

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. military failed again Tuesday to shoot down a test missile over the Atlantic Ocean with a projectile fired from a

navy warship, the Pentagon said.
The failure, the military's second this month, was a high-profile setback for the Theater Missile Defense program even as Republicans in Congress are seeking to spend more on developing a defense against missile attacks.

The Pentagon said the projectile was launched from the cruiser Richmond Turner but failed to hit a test missile fired from Wallops Island, Virginia.

Fed Keeps Rates Flat
With the U.S. economy sending uccer-

tain signals whether higher interest rates have done enough to rein in inflation. Federal Reserve Board policymakers de-cided Tuesday to wait and see what bappens during a particularly delicate pas-sage for the business cycle this spring. The Federal Open Market Committee meets again in May. (Page 12)

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## In Vino Veritas: Hire the Jobless

TOULOUSE, France - A million wine bottles will be used to help France's fight against near-record unemployment by carrying details of jobless young people direct to drinkers, wine producers announced Tuesday.

Each of the bottles of Frootoo wine from the Tarn and Garonoe region of southwestern France will have a sticker with details of ooe of 1,000 unemployed people under 25 years old, their work experience, the job they want and a telephone

"The table is a place for cooviviality, but it's also a place where business is dis-cussed," said Olivier Cabirol, representing local wine producers. "Through our bottles, we bope to reach potential employers directly.

The bottle campaign is to start across France on April 3. "What pleased me about this operation is the really direct side of the scheme, because you get right to their table," said

Stepbane, one of the 1,000 job-seekers.

## Congressional 'Pork' Addicts Stuff Military Budgets With Goodies

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WASHINGTON — Before Congress adjourned last year it passed a \$243 billion military appropriations bill containing dozens of "pork barrel" projects for members' home states, as well as numerous nonmilitary programs that could not find financing in

The spending included \$5.4 million for Hawaii's Small Business Development Center; \$3.5 million for a military-style boot camp in Cook County, Illinois, for youthful drug offenders; \$10 million for a National Guard program to help youngsters in Los Angeles, and \$1.5 million to round up wild horses that wander onto a New Mexico missile range — a job once handled by the Bureau of Land Management.

Then came the \$15 million for developing an electric car, a project that found a home in the military bill in the late 1980s when money for energy appropriations grew tight.

Now, in its first round of serious budget cutting, Congress is slashing billions of dollars of previously approved spending, for purposes ranging from public broadcasting to bousing for people with AIDS.

But the Republican leadership on Capitol Hill has left untouched the projects listed above. The spending is part of billions of dollars never sought by the Pentagon, but added to the defense bill last fall at the behest of Senators and Representatives in both par-

"The insertion of these items has become an incredible art form," said Senator John S. McCain 3d, Republican of Arizona and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. An outspoken for of pork barrel spending, he has compiled a list of more than \$6 billion in defense projects he says represent "wasteful, carmarked, nondefense, or otherwise low-priority pro-

Despite the Republicans' scizure of control of Congress in the 1994 midterm elections, Senator McCain

said, the refusal to cut these programs suggests that

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"business as usual" cootioues in Congress.

Republican leaders have protected the military as they go about the initial round of budget cutting. A House passed bill cuts \$17.1 billion from domestic programs, but oot a dime from the 1995 military

sugget. A toned-down Senate version, which trims \$13.3 billion, also spares the military.

In separate, supplemental legislation, the House and Senate did propose military cuts of \$1.4 billion and \$1.9 billion, respectively, in allocating emergency funds to replenish the Pentagon's coffers. And the House cut \$502 million from the Chitecos desirates House cut \$502 million from the Clinton administration's technology reinvestment program, which helps

defense companies convert to civilian production. But almost all of the projects added by members last fall have survived. A House-Senate conference on the recissions bill, scheduled to begin Wednesday, will be the last chance to kill the pork for fiscal 1995. Among the earmarked projects approved last year:

The home state of the then-chairman of the Senate

ouye, Democrat of Hawaii, got more than just the Small Business Center. It also pocketed \$56.4 million for the Pacific Missile Range; \$13 million for a high-performance computer facility: \$10 million to port two ships in Pearl Harbor, and additional funds for military medical facilities. The \$3.5 million for a drug offenders' boot camp in

Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Daniel K. In-

Illinois originated with a request by the Cook Couoty sheriff to Dan Rostenkowski, then the Democratic chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, a congressional source said.

Mr. Rostenkowski arranged for language to be inserted in the military bill while it was before House-Senate conferees — after the measure had already been before the House and Senate for a vote.

The conferees directed "that the Department of

Defense provide assistance to the county sheriff's

office in the planning of a military-style regime and See PORK, Page 6





By Steven Mufson Washington Past Service

ELIING - Delegates to the National People's Congress bave given Chi-na a taste of what politics might be like in the post-Deng Xiaoping era.
With Mr. Deng at 90 years of age and reportedly ailing, that era may not be far off. It could be marked by the use of policy issues as proxies in a bartle for personal influence among the top figures in the Communist Party, more assertiveness by legislatures traditionally used as rubber stamps for policy edicts, and the rise of strong provincial leaders ready to drive tougher bargains with the

Twice this month, the Chinese Parliament mustered relatively large votes against a can-didate or policy handed down by the Communist Party leadership.

Jiang Chunyun, a candidate for deputy prime minister and an ally of President Jiang Zemin, received only 66 percent of the delegates' votes, the lowest support a candidate has ever received. Another big bloc of delegates — more than one-third — voted last weekend against banking legislation that would make the People's Bank of China, under the leadership of Deputy Prime Minister Zhu Rongji, a somewhat more independent dent and powerful central bank.

of the Communist Party's leadership to dictate policy, and although the National People's Congress will not meet again for nearly a year, the votes showed that a significant num-ber of representatives were willing to speak out against the wishes of top leaders.

"These are both very significant," said John P. Burns, who teaches politics at the University of Hong Kong. He added that the ability of the organization department of the Communist Party to deliver votes in the Con-

gress appears to have weakened.

It is part of a "general trend of creeping parliamentarism," said Brantly Womack, a professor of Chinese politics at the University of Virginia. In the past couple of years, provincial congresses have dealt defeats to officially sponsored candidates, he said.

"We have less and less unanimous voting" in the National People's Congress, said Andrew Nathan, professor of Chinese politics at Columbia University. "We do see a phenomenon, over quite a few years, of...delegates occasionally taking their role more seriously." HE legislature has rarely flexed its muscles, although China's 1982 con-stitution calls it "the highest organ

of state power." In 1989, when anti-government demonstra-tors occupied Tiananmen Square, a group of delegates signed a petition calling for the legislature to be reconvened to deal with the

In 1992, about one-third of the delegates opposed or abstained from voting on a plan pressed by Prime Minister Li Peog to build a massive dam at the scenic Three Gorges on the Yangtze River, a project that will displace more than a million people. A year later, another candidate presented to the Congress drew widespread opposition.

That's an important trend that I believe will continue and accelerate after Deng be-cause there will be a power vacuum," Mr. Nathan said. Without Mr. Deng to make final decisions, he added, at times the Congress or its standing committee "will be tempted to try to make them and dare anybody to contravene them when they have the constitution backing them up."

At the 40th anniversary celebration of the Congress last fall, its chairman, Qiao Shi, said the party should submit all decisions to the



Qiao Shi, left, with President Jiang Zemin. The Congress chairman has been trying to win more power for the legislature.

Congress for ratification and possible alter-

The implicit target of Mr. Qiao's admonition was President Jiang, who, according to a maiostream Hong Kong newspaper, successfully urged many senior leaders to boycott the 40th anniversary event. Similarly, Mr. Jiang was seen by many analysts as the hidden target in last weekend's heavy vote against Jiang Chunyun, who is no relation to the president.

"The fact that so many people voted against this individual is significant as a protest vote and may be about the way Jiang Zemin is building up his own personal empire in Beijing," Mr. Burns said.

Jiang Zemin already has moved reliable allies, mostly from his power base in Shanghai but some from Shandong, into key posts. including the director of the Central Committee's general office, the deputy head of the Propaganda Department and the commander of the People's Armed Police. In addition to Jiang Chunyun, a former Shandong party secretary, the president also backed the Shanghai party secretary, Wu Bangguo, for another deputy prime ministership.

Many other provinces resent Shanghai's heavy representation in top ranks of leadership and the special priority given over the past three years to economic development in

N MEETINGS with provincial delegations, senior party leaders were met with complaints of unfair revenue-shar ing and interference by the central government in provincial ecocomic plans. Delegates from Guangdong, the booming southern province that is the engine behind China's exports, were particularly vociferous. These sessions reflect the bargaining relationship between strong provinces and the central government, which used a new collection method last year to start taking a bigger bite of national tax revenue.

"Obviously Jiang Zemin is having to scramble hard to make sure that the party is united behind him," Mr. Burns said.

Some analysts, however, see the session of the People's Congress not as an indication of a more muscular parliament, bot more as a political maneuver engineered by its chairman. Mr. Qiao, a former boss of the Communist Party intelligence apparatus who still uses his wartime cover name, has become an unlikely standard-bearer for many Chinese boping for democratic reforms initiated from within the Communist Party.

Many bope that Mr. Qiao, 70, could be-come China's equivalent of Yuri V. Andropov, the former Soviet intelligence chief who took the first steps toward reforming the Soviet political system during his short tenure as Kremlin leader,

As chairman of the National People's Congress, Mr. Qiao has been trumpeting the need for a system of laws and the importance of turning the Congress into a "real power body." Such a system by definition means an erosion of China's usual sources of power the seven-man State Council, the Communist Party's Central Committee and the whims of the party's general secretary.

"The delegates' vote against Jiang Chonyun may have been less a provincial rebellion against the center than an attempt by Qiao Shi and Tian Jiyun, and perhaps Li Ruihuan as well," to strengthen the Coogress's role "as a meaningful forum for policy deliberation and decision-making," said Richard Baum, professor at the University of California at Los Angeles.

In the case of the banking legislation, oppo-sition to the party position might have been

based both among traditional party groups wary of ceding any power to the central bank as well as from representatives taking sides in the personal power struggle among compet-

ing leaders.

"One likely arena of succession competition will be the pushing of policy agendas," said Mr. Womack of the University of Virginia. "This was a major part of Deog's activity in 1975 through 1979."

OR the most part, the government's policy agenda was presented by Prime Minister Li. The dour but durable Mr. Li, who signed the martial law order before the bloody crackdown on anti-government demonstrators in 1989, made the opening speech, put forward the candidates for the deputy prime minister posts and held a perfunctory press conference to close the session

In the middle of the two-week session, Mr. Li made a trip to the UN social development conference in Copenhagen, thus sidestepping caucuses that could have been confrontational. But he returned to promote the leadership's agenda of trimming growth and infla-tion and using the reform of state enterprises as a means of strengthening, not chiminating, state companies.

The role of such policy positions as part of the jostling for leadership posts underlines a change from most of the era in which Mr. Deng ruled China as its paramount leader by balancing different factions within his Communist coalition. We're going through a transition period

when leaders are scrambling for position," Mr. Burns said. "Deng Xiaoping as paramount leader could stabilize the system through considerations of factional balance. But with him no longer there and no paramount leader of the same stature, no one is in position to impose that rule."

## A Taste of Success At Climate Parley

## Oil Producers Won't Disrupt UN Global-Warming Meeting

tions opened an 11-day conference Tuesday aimed at averting global warming and climate change, and immediately notched a small success in persuading oil-producing nations not to block the proceedings.

The Berlin conference, with at least 1,000 delegates from 130 countries expected to attend, is a follow-up to the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Its goal is to establish a basis for cutting air pollution into the next century.

The people of the world "ex-pect us to take the decisions necessary to protect them from the harm that threatens," Angela Merkel, the German environment minister, said at the open-ing session. She is also the "We carry responsibility not only for today's generation, but also for those of the future," she sident of the conference.

Among the opponents of big cuts in emissions are oil produc-ers. Burned fossil fuels account for much of the carbon dioxide

that some scientists believe is warning the atmosphere. Oil-producing nations, led by Saudi Arabia, had threatened to deadlock the conference by insisting that voting should be by consensus only, giving them an

effective veto But the Saudi delegation agreed in private talks with Mrs. Merkel to set the matter aside for now and let the con-

ference proceed The real debate in Berlin is expected to center on two is-

One is whether countries will decisive commit themselves to further tions. emission targets beyond 2000, In Rio, the industrialized nations promised to cut emissions of "greenhouse gases" to 1990 levels by 2000, but they are falling short of that.

There will also be arguments. on "joint implementation," in which a formula must be found to let industrial countries offset some of their emissions quotas by helping developing nations. Mrs. Merkel was blust about the consequences the world could face if it lets global warm-

ing continue unchecked.

If we don't take action, we must expect grave and irreversible consequences, a rise in sea levels, a shift in chimate and vegetation zones and a deterioration in food production and are only a few examples," she

The awkwardly named First Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will pull together most of the 166 countries that agreed to work on global climatological problems at the Rio summit meeting in 1992.

But since those heady days, the interests of rich nations have indicated that conscusus

Compiled by Our Stuff From Disputches will be hard to come by. Few of the industrial countries are on a clear path toward achieving the goal to hold emissions levels to

1990 levels. The Berlin conference also is intended to resolve several administrative issues set in motion in Rio, including choosing a site for the headquarters of the new international climate secretariat — Canada, Germany and Switzerland are vying for the privilege - and how big a budget to allocate.

Delegates will debate whether and when to begin setting guidelines for emissions levels the decades beyond 2000.

Earthaction Network, an international umbrella organization of environmental groups, warned in a recent report: "Rising sea levels, threats to food crops, more severe floods, impricanes, drought, increasing poverty, the spread of discase and a threat to the survivaling millions of the world's species are some of the risks that we

The Association of Small island States is antious enough to demand a 20 percent cut in can bon dioxide emissions by 2015, an improbable goal at best.

"Each tick of the clock could be a local back of could be a local best."

be time lost in saving some 30 small island nations from drowning in a sea of nising tides," President Maumonn Abdul Gayoom of the Maldive Islands said here Monday.

But some meteorologists and analysts who are skeptical of the greenhouse theory asset-that global warming reflects a natural cycle of temperature fluctuation and has not been decisively tied to human ac-(Resters, WP)

#### Italian Court Opens Way for Smoking Ban

ROME - An adminis trative court has ruled that public places, ranging from restaurants to post offices, must be smoking throughout Italy.
The health minister has

30 days to decide if he will convert the rating issued Monday by the Latio regional tribunal, into law. The ruling however, rejected a bid by consumer

advocates to extend the ban to all workplaces, saying that only those open to the public would have to prohibit smoking.

Public establishments that include night clubs and bars can ask to be excuipted from the ban if they install air-conditioning systems judged strong enough to keep air fresh.

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## On Land Returned to Jordan, an Early Harvest of Trust

New York Times Service

ZOFAR, Israel - With a small Jordanian flag on the windshield, Nissim Douck recently drove his dusty station wagon across the border to work his fields in territory that was handed back to Jordan uoder a peace treaty with Israel.

"It's a nice experiment," said Mr. Douck, an Israeli farmer, as his entry pass was inspected by across the border, entering with

a Jordanian soldier at a check-point. "No problem at all." Since early February, members of Zofar, an agricultural

cooperative in the Arava Valley of the Negev Descri, have been leaving Israel daily to farm their land under an arrangement seen here as a possible model for resolving other Arab-Israeli land disputes. The "special regime," as it is called in the treaty, allows Is-

raeli farmers to work their fields

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About half of Zofar's agricultural land now lies in Jordan, part of 340 square kilometers (130 square miles) returned by Israel as part of a border demarcation between the two countries.

About 400 bectares (1.000 acres) were returned at Zofar. along with similar parcels of mostly desolate land all along Jordan's frontier with Israel

Fields of red peppers, onions, tomatoes, squash and flowers, grown for export as well as for he Israeli narket, now lie behind ramparts topped by Jordanian flags, watched by soldiers in a lookout post and in patrol

vehicles.
This is a totally new model which doesn't exist anywhere else in the world," said Gilad Livni, who represented Zofar on an Israeli-Jordanian committee that worked out the new arrangements. "As residents, we took part in peacemaking. We sat down with the Jordanians and decided together how this would work, and it is going able that the Jordanians have according to plan."

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Mr. Livni and other members of this community of 50 families carry Jordanian passes enabling them to enter their fields in an area known in Jordan as Al Ghamr.

About 250 hired field hands from I had and foreign rot unteers working in Zofar can also enter the area, as well as Israeli technicians maintaining 13 water wells that serve several farming communities.

Although the zone is under Jordanian law, Israeli police officers may enter to handle disputes and investigate crimes among Israelis. The farmers are exempt from dual taxation of produce grown in the area.

The arrangement is so amiagreed to allow four farmers to

The same arrangement has enter with the guns they carry begun in another agricultural for self-defense. The Israelis, area south of the Sea of Galilec. still wary of a possible attack by ft grants Israelis the right to use Muslim militants or by a Jordaland under Jordanian sover- nian opposed to the peace eignty, subject to automatic re- agreement, register their weap-

> Concerns in Zofar about security risks and bureaucratic delays seem to have melted away. Some Israelis visit with the Jordanian soldiers, chatting with them over coffee, while others talk of starting joint farming ventures in the zone with Jordanians

"This is the best solution for us; it's wonderful," said a farmer, Rafi Negey. "I fought in three wars and was senously wounded in Lebanon. I know what war is, and I can tell you that there's nothing more beautiful than this. I didn't believe it would work out so well."

Eran Regev, who carried a pistol, said that he would have preferred to work under the Israeli flag, but that he had no complaints.

"The Jordanians are good

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creating any difficulties. f hope it continues this way."

Lieutenant Mohammed Abu Salman, a Jordanian liaison officer, said that the transition to normal relations was quick because the border with Israel had been quiet for years.

"At first it was strange, because before we had only seen the Israelis through a fence and couldn't talk to them." he said. But there was no real war here - no problems, just political and security restrictions. It was an easy change."

The land at Zofar that was returned to Jordan had been cultivated by Israel during de-cades in which the border between the two countries was marked only by a cease-fire line drawn after the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.

This was no land of our forefathers," said Alon Kedem, a farmer from Zolar. "And even it it was, I have no problem giving it up for peace. If it's a good peace, it's security."

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### France Is Facing Transport Chaos

PARIS (Reuters) - Striking workers forced Air Inter, France's main domestic airline, to cancel a third of its flights Tuesday, and disruptions were expected to spread to railroad and Paris transportation systems, officials said. The airline said the strike would probably continue Wednesday and Thursday, halving its 400

Rail workers were scheduled to strike from late Wednesday through Thursday, while staff at the Paris transport authority, RATP, were also the staff to strike The paris.

It was not clear how extensive the stoppage would be. A complete strike would create chaos for the millions of committers who rely on the metropolitan transport system. Several areas of France were also hit by a postal strike.

Blizzards brought down power cables in Sweden on Tuesday, leaving 4,000 households without electricity, officials in Stockholm said. Power was expected to be restored to most affected houses later Tuesday, a utility official said.

Traffic at the Leonardo de Vinci international surport in Rome was disrupted Tuesday by a four-hour strike by ground staff and a 24-hour strike by customs officials, surport sources said. (AFP) Icelandair cabin staff began a three-day strike over wages Tuesday, effectively halting most international flights over the next three days, the airline said. (Reuters)

The Supreme Court of Romania ordered workers for the Bucharest subway Tuesday to suspend a strike for 40 days. (Reuers)

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#### THE AMERICAS

# Senate Republicans Back Centerpiece of Welfare Reform

By Robert Pear New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Senate Republicans bave embraced a central element of the House's wel-fare bill, deflating the bopes of Democrats who are only denating the popes of Democrats woo are seeking major changes to preserve (ederal guarantee of cash assistance for poor people.

The chairman of the Senate Fmance Commit-

tee, Bob Packwood, said that he and other Senate Republicans supported a provision of the House bill that would replace the current program of payments to individuals with grants to states to use as they wished to assist low-income people.

"I basically like block grants," Mr. Packwood said after a Finance Committee hearing. "The time has come to let the states take a whirl at whether or not they can administer these programs better than we can if we give them flexibility."

That, he said, is also the view of other Republi-

The change from guaranteed federal benefits to block grants to the states is at the beart of the sweeping welfare bill approved by the House on Friday. With his comments, Mr. Packwood appears to have increased the prospects for Senate approval of a bill to replace the nation's main

The Senate bas not even begun to define the contours of its bill, and there are sure to be many conflicts between the Senate and House versions. For example, there has been no indication that the Senate wants to establish a block grant for food assistance programs, as the House bill

cash assistance program.

The Republican senators said their support of block grants crystallized at a meeting with three Republican governors, Tommy G. Thompson of Wisconsin, John Engler of Michigan and Jim

Under current law, needy families with children are entitled to cash assistance. Under the bill approved by the House, there is no guarantee that children now entitled to eash assistance would continue to receive aid. Also, the block grants would not necessarily increase in hard times, when more people might apply for aid.

An entitlement is a legally enforceable claim upon the federal government. The House bill would eliminate the individual entitlement to cash assistance now guaranteed to more than 14 million Americans who are eligible for Aid to Families With Dependent Children.

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, the ranking Democrat on the Finance Committee, said the replacement of this entitle-

can senators — an observation confirmed by several of them, including John H. Chafee of Rhode Island and Don Nickles of Oklahoma.

Edgar of Illinois. Haley Barbour, chairman of of the most profound changes in the history of American social policy." He added that the battended the meeting. American social policy." He added that the bat-tle on this issue was just beginning. "I shall certainly try to fight it," he said of the

change. "I hope the governors will understand what is being done to ibem."

He said be boped the White House would join him in this battle to preserve the entitlement

status of Aid to Families With Dependent Children, which dates to 1935.

Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, a liberal research and

advocatey group, called the move "a rewriting of American social policy."

Republicans agree. Mr. Packwood's remarks Monday are sure to disappoint liberal Democrats who bad been counting on the Senate to reject the idea of block grants. But the governors contend that children will fare better when state officials can design local welfare programs to ment program with block grants would be "nne meet local needs, free of Washington's control.

Ms. Clark also pressed Mr.

Kaelin about Mr. Simpson's re-

lationship with his two chil-

dren, who lived with his former

During a conference at the bench, Ms. Clark revealed that

Nicole Simpson's diary indicat-

ed that Mr. Simpson repeatedly

failed to pick up his children for

er week that he was missing his

visits with the children, and that

he would schedule things,

schedule dinners to take them

to and never show up, schedule

weekends to have them and

never show up, or bring them

back earlier than scheduled."

Judge Ito questioned whether Mr. Simpson's relationship

with the children was relevant.

adding, "I don't think there is

any question that the defendant

"There was at least every oth-

scheduled visits.

Ms. Clark said.

#### POLITICAL NOTES

#### Making Merit Count in Federal Jobs

WASHINGTON — With big layoffs predicted for many U.S. agencies. Congress and the White House are considering whether - or, more likely how - to change the last-hired-

During layoffs, federal employees with fewer than 15 years of service can be on shaky ground, those with fewer than five years on the job are most vulnerable when the cuts begin.

The administration would like to give greater weight to employee performance ratings. The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee may get the ball rolling Thursday when the General Accounting Office testifies on how its cuthack will affect a performance and the Committee with the committee of the committe will affect women and minorities.

#### Getting a Grip on D.C. Government

WASHINGTON - Representative Thomas M. Davis 3d. Republican of Virginia, was planning Tuesday to introduce legislation that would transfer vast authority over the District of Columbia government to a new oversight hoard with the power to veto annual budgets proposed by city officials and

develop spending and management plans of its own.

Despite district officials' pleas for a board with narrow powers, the bill would give the panel authority to reach deeply into the operations of city government. The proposal places blame for the city's near-insolvency squarely on local officials, implicitly rejecting Mayor Marion S. Barry Jr.'s contention that the problem stems from limits on the district's taxing power and insufficient federal aid.

The bill would establish a five-member, presidentially appointed board charged with creating a financially stable district government.

#### Gramm Stalks Dole's Territory

NEW YORK --- Senator Phil Gramm of Texas has carried his fledgling presidential campaign to New York City, saying be is optimistic about gathering support there even though virtually every Republican leader in New York State backs Senator Bob Dole.

Speaking to reporters Monday before a fund-raising reception at the Waldorf-Astona Hotel, Mr. Gramm attacked Alfonse M. D'Amato, the state's Republican senator, as the driving force behind the support in New York for Mr. Dole. the Senate majority leader.

"I don't attribute this massive show of support to anyone other than Al D'Amato," Mr. Gramm said. "I think it basically shows that Al has been willing to get out and put the arm on people."

It will be difficult, if not impossible, for Mr. Gramm to get the necessary 1,250 signatures in each of the state's 31 congressional districts to be on the ballot. (NYT)

## A Bigger Watchdog for Congress?

WASHINGTON - The Senate is debating a new twist on efforts to curb federal regulations; a proposal to give Congress a quick opportunity to review and possibly overturn new rules as soon as they are issued by government agencies.

Offered by Senate moderates as an alternative to a yearlong freeze oo most new federal regulations, an idea approved by the House last month, the proposal could come to a vote this week. If enacted, the measure would considerably increase the influence that Congress exerts over the fine details of how the laws it passes are carried out by federal agencies.

But under the proposal before the Senate, hundreds or even thousands of federal regulations would routinely be referred to Congress before taking effect.

(NYT)

#### Quote / Unquote

Senator Bob Packwood, Republican of Oregon and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, on the idea of replacing the cash welfare program with lump-sum payments to the states: "It's been my experience in life, small things are better administered than big things, and it doesn't matter if it's government or industry." (AP)



Mr. Simpson and one of his lawyers, Robert Shapiro, listening to Mr. Kaelin on Tuesday. daughter, Sydney, Mr. Simpson into it out.

## Phone Call 'Upset' Simpson Contact With Ex-Wife on Day of Murder Cited

LOS ANGELES - O. J. event separately. Simpson spoke oo the teletor said in court records re- rangements for the recital. leased Tuesday.

that cellular phone records indicate a call was made from Mr. Simpson's phone to Nicole P.M. on June 12, while Mr. Simpson was at the Riviera away. Country Club. Mr. Simpson played golf and gin rummy there that day. A woman at the country club

will be called to testify about the four-minute phone call, Ms. Clark said, according to a transcript of the conversation with the judge at the bench. "We bave a witness who ob-

served him on the cell phone angry, yelling," Ms. Clark told the judge and defense attor-

Ms. Clark said the witness, who was not identified, was unclear on the time she saw Mr. Simpson speaking on the phone, but phone records show that only one call was made that houseguest at the time of the his testimony Tuesday. afternoon. All other calls were murders, about whether be made at night, Ms. Clark said. stood to resp financial rewards.

This was the first time the

and his former wife left that

A defense attorney, Robert phone with his former wife the A. Shapiro, did not deny that day she was murdered, and a Mr. Simpson spoke to his forwitness who was with Mr. mer wife, but suggested that be Simpson during the call de- could have been speaking to ber scribed him as apset, a prosecu- about ticket and scating ar-

In testimony Tuesday, a lim-Deputy District Attorney ousine driver said that he did Marcia Clark revealed earlier nnt see Mr. Simpson's Ford Bronco parked outside Mr. Simpson's estate around the time prosecutors say Mr. Simp-Brown Simpson's house at 2:18 son was committing the mur-P.M. on June 12 while Mr. ders 2 miles (3 kilometers) Allan Park, a Town and

Country limousine driver sent to take Mr. Simpson to the airport for a flight to Chicago, said be looked directly at the area where the white Ford Bronco was later found because he was trying to spot an address number painted on the curb.

Mr. Park testified at the preliminary hearing that he did not recall seeing the Bronco, but this was the first time he indicated that be specifically looked at the area where Mr. Simpson's attorneys bave claimed the Bronco was parked all evening.

Earlier in Tuesday's court session, Ms. Clark pressed Bri- said. an (Kato) Kaclin, a Simpson

She asked him how much prosecution suggested that Mr. money he had made since June Simpson had any contact with 12 - \$60,000, Mr. Kaelin said his former wife on the day of —and whether he was writing a her death other than an evening book. Mr. Kaelin said be was toom McCoy/Agence france-from recital for Mr. Simpson's not at present but would not

loves his children." "Really?" Ms. Clark asked. "We don't see eye to eye on that one at all."

"Well, aren't we going far afield?" Judge Ito asked, "Loving the children is one thing. Killing the mom is something

"I doo't think so," Ms. Clark

Mr. Kaelin was excused after

Rachel Ferrara, a friend of with him on the telephone the night of the slayings, was on the stand briefly after him. She corroborated his account of hearing bumps on his guest house wall at about 10:40 P.M. that night.

# Uh, Stick 'Em Up? Rising Amateur Bank Robberies Lack Polish of Yore

By Dirk Johnson New York Times Service

CHICAGO - One summer night here in 1934, the defiant John Dillinger watched his last picture show, "Manhattan Melodrama," before walking out of the Biograph Theater into a deadly hall of police bullets - an example of the perils of robbing banks for a living.

It remains a stacked-odds career, but bank robberies in Chicago have nonetheless been soaring lately, to the record-setting pace of 51 so far this year,

Around the United States, bank boldups bave more than doubled in the past decade, to nearly 9,000, although they have dropped slightly since a peak in 1991, according to the Federal Bureau of Investi-

The balf-wit schemes and clumsy banditry that mark so many of these robberies, like one slapstick pair who pulled the hold-

"These are amateurs, often middle-class people in a terrible financial fix, who see the bank as the quickest way to get moncy," said Jay Robert Nash, a Chicago crime historian and author. "The professional bank robber is a dying breed. It's just too risky. They'd rather steal gems, art work, something with better odds."

Michael Connelly, a Chicago police sergeant, speculated that the growing number of bank branches was providing new targets for robbers.

"A lot of these branches have only a few people working in them," said Mr. Connelly, "and often they have no armed securi-

There are more than 53,000 bank branches in the United States, up from about 41,000 in 1984, according to the American Banking Association.
But plenty of big banks have also been

targets, like the Burling Bank in the Loop

up but forgot the loot, would embarrass a professional crook.

Bage records while stealing from banks, in professional crook.

Jr., who graduated from Loyola University have surmised that this was not a good day man who slipped a note to a teller: "This is a gesture of solidarity with the people."

A gent records while stealing from banks, in a gesture of solidarity with the people. a robbery. I have a gun. Don't make me use

> After the teller filled a bag with an undisclosed amount of cash, the robber walked out of the bank, hailed a cab and

> "A lot of these robbers plan to do it just once," said Robert Long, an agent with the FBI in Chicago. "But if they get away with it, they usually want to do it again. They almost always get caught. And judges are sending them to jail."

Among the most daring of crimes, bank robbery has always beld a certain fascination. In the 1930s, the heydry of spectacular robberies, many people struggling through the Depression saw banks as ruthless oppressors and often cheered the exploits of Dillinger, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, and Charles (Pretty Boy Floyd) Arthur, who often destroyed mort-

But criminal experts say modern-day robbers hardly fit the swashbuckling profile, if robbers ever did.

"Mostly, they're just mopes," said Mr. Long, who estimated that the typical bank robbery nets less than \$2,500 and that three in four robbers are ultimately caught. "And who was Dillinger? A guy with an eighth grade education who got shot to

In one recent case, Russell Nash, 22, told the authorities that he had robbed a bank in suburban Oak Park to get money to repay a college loan. Not only did he lack a getaway car, but also a get-to car. He took a bus to the bank robbery.

He was arrested moments afterward, holding a revolver that be said was broken and \$3,000. John P. Hunter Sr., a businessman wbo

lived in the prosperous northwestern Chicago suburbs, and his son, John P. Hunter

with a degree in accounting, were a bit more professional.

They netted about \$400,000 in 37 bank robberies before being arrested in 1993, and convicted last year. At a court appearance next month, they each facing possible sentences of more than 300 years.

But most robbers, Mr. Long said, were "remarkable for their dim-wittedness."
In one case, a would-be robber walked into a bank holding a brick as a weapon. He was quickly arrested by security guards. In another case, a robber scheduled his job at a Loop bank, oblivious to the well-publicized visit of President George Bush only a half-block away. As he fled the bank, he ran straight into the swarms of the police on hand for the presi-

"I guess when be was planning his robbery, he neglected to check the oewspapers or the radio," Mr. Long said, "or he would for a bank robbery in the Loop."
And the two robbers who forgot their loot: After holding up a Milwaukee bank they switched to a second getaway car. leaving their money and guns behind. The guns, of course, were covered with finger-

prints, and they were quickly caught. Despite its flurry of robberies this year, Chicago scarcely ranks as the capital of bank boldups. Los Angeles leads the nation (about 2,000 banks were robbed there in its peak year of 1992) and bank robberies are higher in the West than in any other region. About 15 people a year are killed in bank robberies.

Nationally, bank robberies hovered around 2,000 annually in the 1970s, rose to about 3,000 a year in the early 1980s, then shot up to about 9,000 by the early 1990s. The 1991 record for bank robberies was 9,300. In 1993, the last full year for which records are available, there were about 8.800 bank robberies.

#### **Away From Politics**

• The post office delivered 85 percent of local mail on time during the winter, the best showing since the agency started measuring its performance five years ago. The Postal Service's performance standard calls for overnight delivery within varying distances of each major city. · A judge has given South Carolina state doctors permission to

examine Susan Smith and recommend within a month wheth-

er or not she is competent to stand trial for murder in the drowning deaths of her two sons in a lake. The trial is to start July 10: the prosecution is seeking the death penalty. (AP) • The man who opened fire on the White House with a semiautomatic rifle in October decided to act after seeing visions of a mist hovering over the president's mansion, a psychiatrist told a federal court jury in Washington. Francisco Martin Duran, 26, is a paranoid schizophrenic who be-lieved the mist would gain control over President Bill Clin-ton's thinking and lead him to do things that would cause

worldwide devastation, the doctor said. · Hours after Maryland's highest court allowed one of the nation's strictest smoking bans to take effect, the governor signed into a law a compromise bill that creates major exceptions, including allowing smoking in taverns, motels and

hotels and most restaurants. • The first woman pilot in the U.S. space program, Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Collins, canceled what was to have been a triumphant homecoming in Elmira, New York, after someone called the local newspaper and threatened to kill her. The

anonymous caller gave no indication of a motive. (AP) e Two teenage cousies were charged in Bartow, Florida, with felony crueity to animals and grand theft in the beating death of an ostrich. Police traced them through sneaker tracks. The youths allegedly beat the 10-month-old bird, valued at \$7,000. with a wooden tool handle at an ostrich farm.

• A paroled killer has been charged with marder in New York, the second such charge filed against Reginald McFadden since the governor of Peansylvania commuted his life sentence for a 1969 murder in July. He was also charged with the rape of a third New Yorker. The latest victim was found by a boy lishing in a pond.

Lawsuit Accuses Civil Rights Group of Sexual Discrimination By Toni Locy Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Two women employees of the NAACP have filed a class-action lawsuit against the civil rights organization, accusing it of perpetuating a pattern of sexual discrimination against women professional employees.

Stephanie Rones, 37, of the District of Columbia, and Barbara Coggins, 42, of Illinois, brought the action as an amended complaint to a lawsuit Ms. Rones originally filed in February in Superior Court. Earlier this month, the case was transferred to U.S. District Court in Washington.

The amended complaint alleges that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was run by a group of men, "a boy's club,"

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whose members were typically Chavis also was accused of fi-paid as much as 50 percent nancial mismanagement. more than women doing equivalent or greater amounts of

A string of legal actions have been taken by former women NAACP employees. Last year, disclosures about sexual misconduct led to the dismissal of ployee, \$332,400 in organiza- lawyer, David E. Blum. "Al-

According to the lawsuit, high-ranking men employees

often referred to women as "bitches," "troublemakers" and "snitches" if they complained about their treatment. "By joining forces, the two women hope to get the NAACP the director, Benjamin F. Cha- to focus attention on their longvis Jr., who arranged to pay standing grievances," according Mary E. Stansel, a former em-

tion funds to settle a sex dis-though they are hopeful that the crimination complaint. Mr. new leadership at the NAACP

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cide later whether to allow it to done to come to terms with the brain drain and gross misuse of women talent at the NAACP."

the organization, its former

Rasheed. It also names Mr.

Chavis and the former deputy general counsel for the director, Lewis Myers. NAACP, has accused Mr. My-The suit names as defendants director, Lewis Myers.

acting deputy director. Fred oroceed as a class action. Ms. Rones, a former assistant

Judge Stanley S. Harris of ers of pressuring her for sex.

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Members of Aum Shinrikyo being barred by the police from a sect building under inspection Tuesday in Kamiknishki.

pected of being responsible for lion people, the newspaper said, the poison gas attack in the Tokyo subway last week also may have been trying to produce

Aum Shinrikyo sect reportedly Aum Shinrikyo facilities. confiscated bacteria-producduce a deadly toxin.

Based on those seizures, the newspaper Mainichi Shimbun said, officials think the sect may have been trying to produce biological weapons in addition to sarin nerve gas. Sarin was used in the Tokyo attack.

The newspaper Asahi Shim-bun reported that the police had found equipment for the production of bacteria, including nutrients, at the Aum complex in Kamikuishiki, a village 100 kilometers (60 miles) southwest of Tokyo.

Some pharmaceutical compames use botulinus for experiments, and there is information that a company affiliated with the sect bought huge amounts of bottlinus from such a firm, Mainichi Shimbun reported. The bacteria involved is the same or similar to that which can cause food poisoning.

In nature, there are eight different types of botulinus, of which three are related to food poisoning, Mainichi reported.

One gram of poison produced TOKYO — Japanese investi-gators believe that the cult sus-could theoretically kill 17 mil-

the same kind of solvent that was mixed with the deadly sarin biological weapons, Japanese nerve gas used in the attack on news media reported Tuesday. the Tokyo subway system had Police raiding a facility of the also been seized in raids on

Chemical analysis has contion materials and a germ, a firmed that the solvent was type of botulinus that can pro- among 40 kinds of chemicals confiscated from the sect's complex in Kamikuishiki, NHK Television reported Monday. The solvent and sarin were in heavy plastic bags wrapped in newspapers left in five places on the subway, NHK said.

#### Russia Acts Against Cult

A Moscow court has frozen assets and confiscated property from Russian branches of Aum Shinrikyo, Reuters reported from Moscow on Tuesday, quoting justice officials.

A Moscow district court temporarily closed down the sect's operations Monday after the group's Japanese leader, Shoko Asahara, broadcast an appeal to believers to be ready for

A court statement signed by Judge Irina Vorobyova said that the the court was suspending the sect's Russian branches to protect "the life and health of Russian citizens belonging to these religious organizations.

#### BRIEFLY ASIA

#### Violent Protest in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh - At least 50 people were hurt Tuesday by rubber bullets and tear gas as nearly 5,000 people protested outside Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's office.

Violence broke out after university students tried to run over barbed wire barricades that the police had crected to enforce a 24-hour ban on demonstrations in central Dhaka, the site of most government offices. As dozens of small crude bombs went off, the police fired the rubber bullets and tear gas shells to push the demonstrators back.

Opposition parties have campaigned to remove Mrs. Zia for more than a year, accusing her of being inefficient and corrupt. Most of the 154 opposition lawmakers have quit the 330-scat Parliament.

#### China Calls for Release of Boats

BEIJING -China demanded Tucsday that Manila release five Chinese fishing boats and their crews arrested by the Philippine Navy in waters around the disputed Spratly is-

The Foreign Ministry said China held indisputable authority over the Sprattys and their waters in the South China Sea, despite the rival claims by the Philippines and four other

Fishermen aboard the five boats seized in the last few days have said they believed they were in Chinese waters. They denied that they had deliberately violated territory claimed by the Philippines.

#### South Korea Fires Own Missile

SEOUL - South Korea has test-fired a missile developed with its own technology for the first time, a Defense Ministry official said Tuesday.

The short-range surface-to-air missile is designed to inter-cept low-flying enemy planes, said the official, speaking on

The missile, the Chomma hit its low-flying target after being fired from a launching pad, the official said. He declined to give further details, including when and where the condition of anonymity.

firing had been conducted. The launching of the missile is part of Seoul's efforts to The launching of the missile is part to the reduce its dependence on U.S.-made missiles and other weap-reduce its dependence on U.S.-made missiles and u

#### India Takes Over Rivals' State

NEW DELHI - The Indian government took direct control of the opposition-ruled state of Bihar on Tuesday, provoking protests that paralyzed the national Parliament.

Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's cabinet announced the move as the last phase of elections to the Bihar legislature The five-year term of the Bihar assembly expired March 15.

An official spokesman said the direct rule was necessary because election results would not be known before March 31 and the caretaker Janata Dal government would not be able to authorize spending for April (AFP)

#### For the Record

Japan has issued a visa to the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan spiritual leader, who is expected to arrive in Tokyo on Wednesday despite warnings from Beijing that the visit could hurt Chinese Japanese ties, an official said Tuesday. (AFP)

The Burmese government branded its opponent Khun Sa a "narcotic-trafficking terrorist." Tacsday and said he faced the death penalty if captured. Officials said in Rangoon that the Burmese Army was making progress in a month-old offensive against Khun Sa and his effinic Shan forces in northeast Burms.

(Reuters)

#### **VOICES** From Asia

merger agreement with Mitsubishi Bank Ltd: "In the last everal years, finan been changing rapidly. Coping with this was a major reason for seeking the merger."

set her free."

Development in China, which gaming industry lawyers and operators are setting up in Hong Kong: "Gambling is absolutely forbidden in China. Even so, if this organization has international experience in this area, we would like to talk to

## Manila Exhumes Slain Maid's Body

#### Forensic Evidence Could Deepen Dispute Over Case

MANILA -- A murdered woman's corpse was exhumed Tuesday, and initial findings by Philippine forensic experts could deepen the

controversy over the hanging by Singapore of a Filipino maid who confessed to the killing. Experts from the National Bureau of Investigation dug up the skeleton of Delia Maga and immediately subjected it to tests to find out how she had died.

Miss Maga was working as a maid in Singapore in 1991 when she and her ward, a Singaporean boy, were murdered.

A fellow Filipino maid, Flor Contemplacion, who confessed to the double murder, was hanged in Singapore on March 17, triggering widespread protests in the Philippines where she was widely perceived to be innocent and a victim of a frame-up.

Initial tests on Miss Maga's remains sug-gested that "our findings will be different

from that of the Singaporeans," said Maximo Reyes, a senior forensic expert with the National Bureau of Investigation.

He did not say what the findings were or in what way they would differ from the results of an autopsy in Singapore that concluded that Miss Maga had been strangled to death.

President Fidel V. Ramos of the Philippines has threatened to sever relations with Singapore if the inquiry shows that Mrs. Contemplacion was a victim of injustice. He also said that the Philippines was ready to repatri-ate any of the 70,000 Filipino maids working in Singapore who wished to return.

A Philippine Air Force C-130 transport plane flew to Singapore on Monday night to begin the airlift, but by Tuesday evening only 88 Filipino maids had enlisted for repatriation, according to the Philippine Embassy in

## A Euthanasia Milestone in Japan

#### In Finding Doctor Guilty, Judge Sets Mercy-Death Rules of potassium chloride into a the time was employed by To-

TOKYO —A Japanese court cancer patient, the court laid kai University School of Medion Tuesday established for the down four guidelines that accine Hospital in Isehara city, a first time a patient's right to choose death when it laid down explicit conditions under which enthanasia is legally permissi-

In a closely watched ruling, the Yokohama District Court found a doctor who gave a lethat injection to a terminally ill cancer patient in April 1991 guilty of murder and gave him a two-year suspended prison sen-

It was the first criminal trial of a physician for a mercy kill-

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The case was expected to spark fresh debate in Japan, which has not established clear able to communicate consent legal or medical views on entha-

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## Taiwan to Scale Back Its Army

duce its army from 240,000 to 200,000 in the next two years in an effort to improve standards and cut costs, Defense Ministry officials said Tuesday.

The cut will mean the army will make up less than 60 percent of the entire armed forces, the officials said. It is now percent of the total, and the average for most countries is 70 percent.

in the army. The ratio in Japan is 64.3 percent, in Germany spend nearly 67.3 percent, and in China 82.6. to buy arms.

The army already has 240,000 in the past two years under an earlier program.

Defense Minister Chiang Chung-ling has said more military hardware was needed to strengthen the island's defense capability and maintain securi-

Taiwan has listed a defense budget of 247.1 billion Taiwanese dollars (\$9.5 billion) for the In the United States, less new fiscal year, starting July 1, than 60 percent of all forces are an increase of 4.3 percent over the current year. It plans to spend nearly 60 billion dollars

Tasuku Takagaki, president of the Bank of Tokyo, on the

Colonel Kyaw Win, the deputy chief of Burnese military intelligence, on the continued detention of the opposition politician Daw Aung San Sun Kyi: "We do not intend to keep her detained indefinitely, and when the time is right we shall the force."

Zhou Youg, deputy director of the entertainment department of the Chinese Ministry of Culture, on the International Advisory Council to Evaluate Gaming and Entertainment

## Seoul Says North Makes New Reactor Offer

North in return for freezing elements of its

nuclear program.

The official in Seoul said, "This alterna-

SEOUL - North Korea has proposed that South Korea be allowed a limited role

in a U.S. plan to supply it with new nuclear reactors, officials said Tuesday. Negotiations on which country would build the reactors stalled in Berlin on Monday.

An official of the South Korean Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that the North's proposal calls for the main contractor to be American, while South Korean companies could take part in a limited capacity. "It is true that North Korea has offered

rea's intention to rule out South Korea's role as the main contractor," the official The Berlin talks adjourned after Wash-

ington and Pyongyang failed to agree on who should build reactors promised to the

an alternative proposal," the official said.
"After analyzing this proposal, however,
we found that it still contains North Ko-

tive proposal is unrealistic."

Other officials here said the North had insisted on a U.S. company as the main contractor despite the fact that Seoul would shoulder most of the financial burden, estimated at \$4 billion.

The Foreign Ministry official stressed that Seoul did not feel the U.S.-North Korea talks had broken down, and that it would continue trying to urge the North to accept its reactors.

Another senior official noted that North

Korea did not repeat its threat to reactivate its laboratory reactor in Yongbyon. Pyongyang had threatened to refuel the five-megawatt reactor, which produces plutonium, a key ingredient for atomic weapons, if the agreement to supply safer light-water reactors was not signed by

North Korea and the United States signed an agreement in Geneva in October that defused a crisis over the North's nuclear facilities

Under the agreement, North Korea was

promised two 1,000-megawatt reactors,

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fuel for electricity and a move toward better ties with Washington. The Geneva agreement stipulates that both sides are to make their best efforts to sign the reactor supply agreement by April 21. North Korea has hinted that the dead-

line is not as immovable as it once insisted. The South Korean official said that Seoul would start consultations with the United States and Japan to analyze the

North's tactics at the Berlin talks. In another development, a delegation from Japan's ruling coalition arrived in Pyongyang on Tuesday for a three-day visit aimed at seeking ways to resume talks on normalizing bilateral ties. (AFP AP)

# Cyanide Find Prods Malaysia to Act on Toxic Waste

KUALA LUMPUR - The dumping at a resort of enough lethal cyanide to kill 7 million people has exposed Malaysia's lax laws on hazardous chemi-

cals, analysts said Tuesday. Without adequate safeguards and proper toxic waste disposal facilities, Malaysia could become a dump for dirty or dangerous waste from foreign in-dustries, chemical industry

analysts said.

in the the works for at least three years, should be quickly put into effect, said Yeoh Keat Chye, secretary of the Chemical Industry Council of Malaysia.

"The act will trace chemicals from cradic to grave through proper documentation and licensing of parties handling the chemicals so that the movement of chemicals from importers to

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The proposed industrial users could be tracked," Mr. Chemical Act, which has been Yeoh said.

. He said the act would encompass all hazardous chemicals not covered under existing laws. Responding to the outcry set off by the discovery of cyanide in northern Pangkor Island last

week, Environment Minister

Law Hieng Ding said the cabi-

net on Wednesday would dis-cuss the argent need for a monitoring mechanism for industrial chemicals. Forty-one 50 kilogram (110pound) drums of potassium cyanide were found dumped on

the island off northern Perak

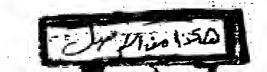
nearby farm died.

state named by the government as the culprit, could be fined up to 10,000 ringgit (\$4,000) and sentenced to two years in jail if convicted

The Poisons Act provides for another 5,000 ringgit line and two years in jail. Analysts said the cyanide dumping could be just the "tip

of the toxic iceberg." "A catastrophe has been averted only because of pure luck and nothing else. V.K. Chin, editorial adviser of the local Star tabloid, wrote Tuesday. "There are still many questions left unanswered."

state after thousands of fish at a Environmentalists have demanded that the company be The owner of Chemiax, a charged with attempted murcompany in northern Penang der.



NATO Chief Is III and Delays Trip

BRUSSELS — Willy Claes, the beleaguered chief of
NATO, on Tuesday postponed a visit to Turkey and Greece
because he was stricken with influenza, sources at the alliance

The sources said that Mr. Claes had made the decision on the advice of his doctors and that the postponement was not linked to speculation that he would soon have to resign his NATO post over his role in a murky corruption scandal in Belgium. Mr. Claes, 56, was due to fly to Turkey on Wednesday and visit Greece on Thursday and Friday.

Switzerland, meanwhile, has agreed to lift banking secrecy to allow Belgian investigators to check accounts linked to the

#### Belgium Seeks to Be EU-India Link

NEW DELHI — Belgium, eager to cash in on expanding business opportunities in India, offered Tuesday to serve as an intermediary between the European Union and New Delhi as they thrash oul trade issues.

Belgium's trade minister, Robert Urbain, said Brussels was well placed geographically and politically to serve as a conduit for India's concerns, including Western attempts to curb

"Almost all the delegations in contact with the European Union have hilateral contacts with us," he said at a news conference. "We can play an intermediary role." (Reuters)

#### Britain May Join Weapons Agency LONDON - France and Germany have offered to allow Britain to join a proposed French-German arms procurement agency as a founding member, the Financial Times reported

If it is permitted to join as an equal partner, the newspaper said. Britain has offered to put the management of billions of pounds' worth of weapons contracts under the agency's control. At a meeting of European defense ministers in Paris

on Thursday, François Leotard of France and Volker Rithe of Germany said their countries intended to press ahead with plans for a joint procurement agency. In a shift from their previous position, however, they invited Britain to join as a founding member, the paper said.

#### Portugal Assailed by Its President

LISBON - President Mário Soares of Portugal accused his center-right government Tuesday of failing to present a policy on the European Union.

"Until now the government has not announced its plans. Until now we have not been given an indication of the great eauses and options at stake, and what the position of the government is," Mr. Soares said at a conference on the EU. "I think that I should not be the first person to speak on these issues," he said, adding that the government of Prime Minister Anthal Cavaco Silva should be taking the lead in

presenting policies on Europe.

European Union events scheduled for Wednesday: BRUSSELS: The European Commission meets to discuss the Union's relations with Africa as well as the annual report

BRUSSELS: Sir Leon Brittan, the trade commissioner. and Christos Papoutsis, the energy and small-business commissioner, meet the U.S. undersecretary of state for arms control and international security affairs. Lynn E. Davis.

BRUSSELS: Padraig Flynn, commissioner for employment, and Monika Wulf-Mathies, commissioner for regional policy, meet Prime Minister John Bruton of Ireland. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

## Turkey Plays Down **Criticism of Assault** Army Controls a Kurd Area

But Mr. Ataman played

down that move, saying: "There has been no German

governmental or parliamentary

decision to suspend the aid. Neither have there been any

ment on this issue."

Turkey.

said Tuesday.

kurk region, he added.

ANKARA — Turkey on Tuesday sought to minimize concerns from the United States and Germany over the Turkish assault on Kurdish rebe! bases in northern Iraq.

Also Tuesday, Turkish army officials said they had achieved their initial objectives against the separatist Kurds and controlled a Kurdish region.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Ferhat Ataman, said of the growing U.S. unease, "We don't see it as any different from the initial reaction in which they have said they would like the operation to be of limited duration and scope."

The U.S. secretary of state, Warren M. Christopher, voiced concern Monday against an extended incursion and about reported attacks on civilians.

"I sent a message to both the prime minister and the foreign minister telling them that we were concerned about the passage of time, concerned about reports we have had with respect to human rights violations," Mr. Christopher told re-

Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel of Germany and other European Union ministers had criticized the Turkish action from the start. On Monday, Bonn said it had temporarily frozen grants it had promised to give Turkey for the purchase of German frigates.

#### Toll Rises to 36 In Turkish Mine

ANKARA - The death tol! from a coal mine blast in Turkey rose to 36 on Tuesday, the

Anatolian News Agency said. The agency said 21 bodies aliow it." were prought to the surface Tuesday from the mine in Sorgun, a town about 160 kilometers (100 miles) cast of Ankara. ation Thursday to evacuate

An explosion, perhaps some of the 3,000 Turkish Kurd caused by methane gas, caused refugees still caught in the batthe mine to eave in Sunday. One the zone. On Sunday, the agency miner was still missing and 10 evacuated 1,400 refugees. workers were injured.

## Bosnian Foes Battle On, Ignoring International Pleas

nian Army and Serbian forces battled on through wintry weather Tuesday, ignoring inter-national and United Nations pleas for a halt in have gone unheeded.

the combat. "It is our understanding both parties continue to opt for the military option," said a UN

spokesman, Alexander Ivanko. He said in Sarajevo that both sides were refusing to meet and were setting numerous conditions for attending talks with the United Nations on rescuing a four-month-old cease-fire that was shattered by a Bosnian Army offensive last week.

The United Nations says that the eight-day offensive has won the Bosnian Army ground in the Majevica Hills to the east of Tuzla and on Vlasic Mountain near the central Bosnian town of Travnik, a government stronghold.

Swedish peacekeepers reported artillery duels between Bosnian Serbian troops and govern-ment forces Tuesday in the Majevica region, as both sides battled across snowy ground to secure control of a key communication facility.

The Muslim-led Bosnian Army says that gov-ernment troops have surrounded the Stolice re-lay station, which controls telephone traffic and lay station, which controls telephone traffic and television signals across much of the north of the country, and that its hopes to persuade the Bosnian Serbian garrison at the station to surrender of Bosnia's prewar population. it intact.

The Bosnian Serbian news agency, SRNA, said that Serbian soldiers had strengthened their positions in the Majevica area and that telephone and television links through Stolice had been

Fighting also continued on the Vlasic Plateau. the United Nations said, although restrictions on

Renters
the movement of peacekeepers limited their ability to report on battlefield gains and losses. UN

International calls for a halt to the fighting The five-nation "Contact Group," struggling .

to find a diplomatic solution to the nearly three-year Bosnian conflict, voiced concern at the deteriorating situation after a meeting in London on Monday.

Officials from Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States agreed to keep up efforts to bring the warring parties to the negoti-

Shrugging off pleas to order a halt to the fighting, the Bosnian president, Alija Izethegovic, said Monday that Belgrade must recognize his country and that the Bosnian Serbe here. accept the Contact Group's peace plan before peace talks can be restarted.

His government contends that it must fight to regain some of the 70 percent of Bosnia held by rebel Serbs because the international community will not force them to surrender territory.

The Bosnian Serbs have refused to discuss the

The Contact Group has been pursuing a twopronged policy to end the war, trying to persuade the Bosnian Serbs to accept the peace plan and encouraging rump Yugoslavia to recognize the independence of Bosnia and Croatia in exchange for an end to international sanctions.

Russia has been trying to speed up the lifting

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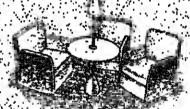
Bosnian Serbs helping a comrade wounded in shelling Tuesday on Mount Majevica.

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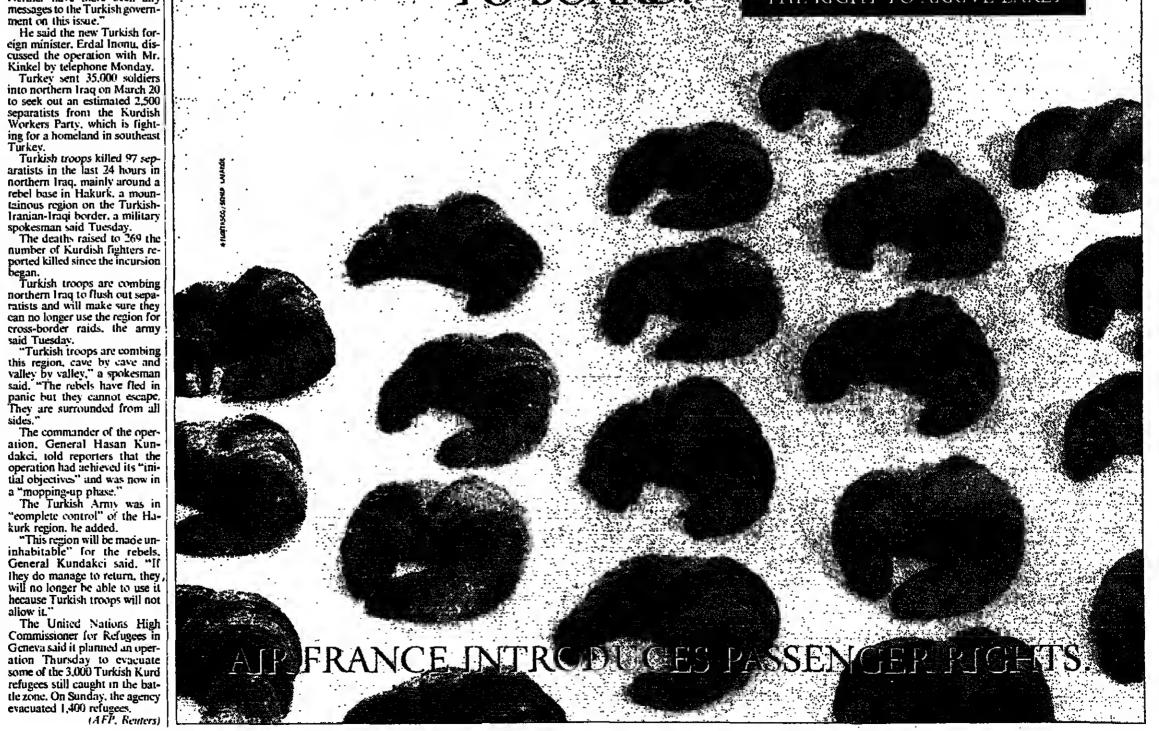
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### Killings Will Not Silence Us,' A Special Edition Declares

by fundamentalists, 16 national newspapers published a joint edition Tuesday that declared, "You will not silence us!"

titled El Moudjahid, after the military-hacked government newspaper whose chief editor canceled January 1992 elections titled El Moudjahid, after the was shot and killed Monday in the Islamic Salvation Front was an ambush in an eastern Algiers

No one took immediate responsibility for the slaying of jahid vowed.

#### Sullied Reservoir Cuts Algiers Flow

ties cut off supplies of water to the capital, Algiers, and surrounding areas Tuesday after a rounding areas Tuesday after a Abassi Madani and Ali Belhadj, sentenced in June 1991 to press agency, APS, reported.

The agency quoted the Health and Population Ministry as saying Kaddara reservoir had been contaminated by accidental "leakages of hydrocarbons." It did not say whether the hydrocarbons were oil or

The Algerian domestic water utility, in a radio message, called on the inhabitants of Cheraga, Douera, Khraicia and Ain Allah districts not to use their water supplies.

The Associated Press

painter, decorator and film-

maker whose movies reflected

his kinship with ordinary folk,

died Monday. Mr. Allio had been suffering

from a "long illness," the term

in France for cancer, according

to the Society of Film Direc-

He is best noted for his first

Old Woman), which was made

in 1964 from a short story by

His movies mainly portrayed

seeking to escape their desti-

curriculum at the facility." In a

similar, if more traditional vein,

Bob Dole, the Kansas Republi-can who was then the Senate

minority leader, arranged for an carmark of \$11 million for the

U.S. Army to purchase more

executive jets from a Kansas

corporation that produces Lear

"It's like a disease," Mr.

As budget rules have limited

small, nonmilitary spending bills, the annual defense appro-

priation bill increasingly has

been viewed as a bank of last

resort for lawmakers' pet pro-

The Bureau of Land Manage-

ment, for example, used to round up the wild horses that

McCain said. "It's never static.

It gets worse or you kill it."

Bertold Brecht.

said, "are paintings that move." ployer said.

PARIS - René Allio, 71, a

René Allio, Filmmaker

And Painter, Dies at 71

Mr. Alliot, who was born in Marseille in 1924, spent years as Joachim Friedrichs, 68, a German foreign correspondent and

director before trying his hand television anchor, died of can-at filmmaking. Movies, he once cer on Tuesday, his former em-

full-length film, "La Vieille ARD's late evening news show, Dame Indigne" (The Indignant Tagesthemen, from 1985 to

antiheroes, ordinary people system, with live correspondent

PORK: The Military's Goodie Bag

Mohammed Ahderrahmani, ALGIERS - Protesting the but suspicion fell on Muslim assassinations of 30 journalists militants, who have targeted reporters, intellectuals and foreigners as well as officials and security forces.

More than 30,000 people The paper, which reserved a have died in the 3-year-old inpage for each of the dailies, was surgency that began when the expected to win.

Terrorism will not make us bend," an editorial in El Moud-

"Algerian journalists today are faced with a terrible challenge: Give in or resist," the head of El Watan, Omar Bel-

Meanwhile, an Arabic-language newspaper distributed in Western capitals reported that the two top leaders of the Islam-

aced in separate residences, Al Hayat reported without cit-

ing its sources.

Mr. Madani was placed in a residence in Douera, 15 kilometers (9 miles) southwest of Algiers, the paper said, the same place former President Ahmed ben Bella was lodged after a 1965 military coup.

Mr. Belhadj was moved to a residence in Tipaza, a coastal town 60 kilometers west of the capital, Al Hayat said.

Mr. Allio helped design the-

aters in the Paris region, and

with established architects,

helped conceive the interior of

the Natural History Museum's new zoology gallery, which

Hanns-Joachim Friedrichs,

68, a German TV Anchor

Mr. Friedrichs anchored

Tagesthemen, from 1985 to

1991 and helped transform

German television news from

the static reading of scripts to

the American-style anchorman

reports and a more engaged

style of reading the news.

opened last year in Paris.

Three sons of Mohammed Abderrahmani, the slain El Moudjahid editor, carrying his portrait at his funeral Tuesday.

#### OIL: U.S. Calls for UN Embargo on Libya Are Rejected by Industry Leaders

government activity, were EU, have often complained of the financial impact of the sanctions already im-

> They are close neighbors to us to whom we have to listen," the official said. "I think on this one there are widely differing

> In addition, Arab diplomats said, some key allies of the United States in the Arab world, including Egypt, Kuwail and Saudi Arabia, are likely to stand firmly against the notion of further expanding oil emhar-

There are already nagging questions about the wisdom of continuing with oil export sanctions imposed on Iraq since 1990 and a controversy over banning oil deals with Iran," Mr. Ait-Laoussine said. "In hindsight, I'd say the success of United States to line up that much international support to ban Iraqi oil from world markets more than four years ago was some-

thing of a unique circumstance."

At the moment, UN sanctions in force han civilian flights to and from Libya, forcing travelers to drive bundreds of miles to leave by land borders with Egypt or Tunisia. The country is also forbidden from acquiring a range of machinery and

But international oil companies are continuing to make deals. A consortium of European companies made up of Repsol of Spain, Total of France and OMV of Austria signed a \$1 billion deal to develop the Murzuk oil field in southwestern Libya in October 1994. It would eventually produce 200,000 barrels a day. But such a move could only take place with the sanc-tion of countries in which the companies are based.

"I think there will be fierce resistance from Mediterranean companies to any new embargoes in oil on Libya or anyone else," said Christian Weyer, a multination-al banker who specializes in funding oil

#### Laoussine, Algeria's former oil minister technologies, though it can sell its oil to who is an international consultant based in Europe. Geneva, said Tuesday.

posed on Libya on all North African econ-

interests between us and the Umited States that would make it difficult to go along."

goes in the Middle East.

"To gather all these forces behind an embargo is a formidable undertaking that is not an easy feat today," Nordine Ait-

"I didn't want to fall prey to the lure of

doing something spectacular at the begin-ning," he said. "The work of this office

should not be to go for the big kill."
"It's wrong to perceive of us as the 'gotcha' outfit that only acts when some kind of problem arises," he added.

Instead, he said, he wants to put UN employees on nonce that one of his audi-

tors could drop in on them at any time, to

establish a "constant deterrent" that will

Member governments were so edgy

about creating Mr. Paschke's job that they

refused to call him an inspector, giving him

instead the title of undersecretary-general for internal oversight services. When he took over, Mr. Paschke said, he discovered

UN offices were audited in rotation, each

one only about once every six years.

Now he is deploying his inspectors in an

"I need a little time," be said.

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## UN: As Corruption Cop Walks New Beat, Politicians Track His Every Move

Continued from Page 1 ditionally support the United Nations are unpredictable pattern to add an element of surprise. He posted permanent auditors in the big UN peacekeeping missions like Bosnia and Haiti. On Feb. 28 he issued drumming their fingers. In a March 21 speech, Lee H. Hamilton of Indiana pointguidelines ordering department heads to ed to the lack of reports from Mr. Paschke meet fixed deadlines for complying with as proof that another round of UN manhis auditors' recommendations. In the past internal audits were routinely filed and agement reforms had failed. But Mr. Paschke said his pace is deliber-

forgotten.

Mr. Paschke has a staff of about 100 not nearly enough, he says — to monitor about 15,000 UN personnel worldwide. He wants at least a 25 percent increase by 1997. But he could get caught in a stalemate: He cannot get more staff if Washington does not pay its UN bills, but Congress wants to hold up payments because

does not have enough staff. What he needs most, the German said, is trained investigators to handle financial tions sent a group of auditors to a course at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Georgia. But, he said, "There is no investigations culture at the United Nations, I have to create it."

Republican lawmakers want to be sure the United States will know when Mr. Paschke uncovers wasteful practices. But he has said only that he will decide when one of his reports is significant enough for "the protection of UN assets" to merit publication. Under the rules written by the General Assembly, Mr. Paschke sends his reports first to Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali, not directly to governments. But the secretary-general is not

allowed to alter or suppress the findings. Mr. Paschke's team is working on reports on management confusion in the Human Rights Center in Geneva and looking into charges raised by a former U.S. ambassador, Frank Ruddy, about inefficiencies in the peacekeeping mission in Western Sahara.

Reports are "something on which the U.S. Mission sometimes shows an impatience I really don't understand," Mr. Paschke said. "If they want me to do work that is professionally reliable, I can't do it in a superficial way."

vide tips. He set up confidential fax and phone lines, but he openly discourages anonymous complaints. This stems in part from his experience as the chief administrator of the German foreign service during the traumatic melding of Eastern and Western ministries that had previously been adversaries.

Where I come from, anonymous accusations are considered irresponsible," he

# Army Talks Tough About East Timor

## Indonesia General Vows to Act On Unrest as UN Session Nears

Agence France-Presse JAKARTA - The Indonesian Army has vowed to take tough action to stamp out any attempt to undermine stability before new talks on the disputed territory of East Timor, the Antara press agency reported

"I firmly state again that se-curity authorities in East Timor will act firmly against those who are trying to create un-rest," Major General Adang Ruchiatna told troops in the East Timor capital of Dili.

General Ruchiatna is chief of the Udayana Military Command, based in Bali, which covers the troubled former Portuguese colony that was annexed by Indonesia in 1976.

He said security would be stepped up before United Na-tions talks on East Timor that are to be held in Salzburg, Aus-

tria, on April 24.
"We must be alert to any irresponsible persons trying to create situations to influence and attract the attention of the international community," the re-

port quoted him as saying.

The so-called All-Inclusive Intra-East Timorese Dialogue is to include representatives of exiled East Timorese communi-ty groups as well as those resi-dent in Indonesia and the disputed enciave.

The United Nations also has organized a meeting among Indonesia, Portugal and the UN secretary-general in New York on May 19,

The talks are part of an at-tempt by the United Nations, which still recognizes Portugal as the legal administrator, to find a permanent solution to East Timor's status. A Western observer said

General Ruchiatua's comments showed that the Indonesian military believed mirest could be put down with a military rather than a political ap-"I think the watchwords in

the coming months will be dis-cipline, control and closer supervision," the observer said.
Sources say the East Timorese clandestine network sees the two sets of talks as opportunities for protests.

Reports from East Timor say late-night harassment by gangs, which are widely believed to be organized by the government's

internal intelligence body, has stopped since the territory was put under greater central mili-tary control. The gangs activities were highlighted after the killing of six civilians

Antara also said a member of Indonesia's National Human Rights Commission had appealed to the government to fol-low up its findings on the killing of the six civilians in an East Timor village on Jan. 12.

The commission contradicted the military by saying the six people killed in a village in the district of Liquiza near Dili were noncombatant civilians who were intimidated and tortured before being killed.

According to reports, the Human Rights Commission's full findings are expected to say there is strong evidence to sug-gest the six were lined up by a ditch and summarily executed.

While a full military report is expected next month, the army, in its preliminary findings, al-ready has conceded that there were some violations of proce-

#### **Beijing Snuffs** Ritual Burning

Renters
BEIJING — China has barred residents of Beijing from burning paper money for the dead during this year's Tomb Sweeping festival, when families traditionally honor their ancestors, the Beijing Daily said Tuesday.

Chinese custom holds that burning "hell bank-notes" in memory of a deceased relative helps to ensure a comfortable afterlife. China's Communist leaders have banned the practice as a superstitions fire hazard,

the newspaper said. The ban was intended to ensure safety in columbariuma, eradicate feudalistic superstition, reform funeral customs and promote the construction of a more civilized capital," it said. It gave no details of punishments for offenders or of any fires caused by burning paper money.

## Another controversial point is the prosection he gives whistle-blowers who proside tins. He set un confidential fax and Former Mayor of Nice Plans to Plead Not Guilty

GRENOBLE, France - The former mayor of Nice, Jacques Médecin, goes on trial here Wednesday on the first of several counts of corruption.

Mr. Médecin, 66, ruled Nice for 24 years, after succeeding his father, who was mayor for 38 years. He fled to Latin America in 1990, saying he was a victim of persecution by the then-Socialist French government, as investigating judges closed in on him.

Mr. Médecin's lawyer, Jean-Marc Varaut, said his client would plead not guilty to fraud charges involving the alleged di-version of subsidies from the Nice opera house.

If convicted, Mr. Médecin faces a maximum three-year jail term, a fine of up to 2.5 million

civil rights for up to 10 years.
But even if acquitted, the former mayor will remain in prison pending a second trial on charges of receiving 4 million

He also faces a retrial on charges of maladministration on which he was sentenced in absentia in 1992 to one year's imprisonment and barred for life from holding public office.

In the opera affair, the former mayor is accused of siphoning off 2 million francs in 1982 from the municipal association Nice-Opera, of which he was president, by paying the money to two foreign front companies supposedly to recruit opera singers who never performed in Nice.

## Mandela Sends Message With Wife's Dismissal

JOHANNESBURG - President Nelson Mandela's dismissal of his firebrand wife, difficult to deal with indisci-Winnie, from her government post was a belated but strong nior official openly defied him. warning that he will not tolerate opposition to his rule, commen- Monday after a string of events tators in South Africa said

"Mrs Mandela's departure is the first step in the shaking of the ANC's unwieldly base," The Star newspaper commented, and has cleared the way to "roll back the tide" of lawlessness in the country.

Government sources told journalists in Cape Town that the president had felt under-

#### Israeli Leader to Visit Bonn

BONN - President Ezer Weizman of Israel will visit Germany in September, officials said Tuesday.

mined by Mrs. Mandela's persistent challenges to his govern-ment and that he had found it pline in the country while a se-

Mrs. Mandela was dismissed since January that infuriated her estranged husband, including lambasting his government in public and visiting West Africa after being ordered by Mr. Mandela to stay at home to attend an important African National Congress meeting.

The dismissal of the deputy minister of arts, culture, science and technology, Business Day newspaper said, sent an "important message" to discourage other ministers from trying to follow her example.

Business Day said the president's "courageous" move would have difficult consequeoces for the government, the country and the ruling ANC.

missile range. But the agency discontinued the program last year because it was too expensive, said a spokesman for Senator Pete V. Domenici, Republican of New Mexico.

Mr. Domenici, who chairs the Senate Budget Committee, and Representative Joe Skeen, Republican of New Mexico and a member of the House Appropriations Committee, collabo-rated to get the \$1.5 million put into last year's military hill to pick up the slack, the spokes-

And Mr. Domenici arranged to have \$20 million added to the military bill for an additional neutron accelerator project at the Los Alamos Laboratory in his state, after money appropriated in the energy spending bill

ran out last year. There was no other place to strayed onto the White Sands go," a congressional aide said.

BANK: Mitsubishi and Bank of Tokyo to Combine Forces in 'Superbank' Continued from Page I new image of the bank was necessary,"

sessions, and we exchanged opinions and found we had sympathies with one another," said Tsunco Wakai, president of Mitsubishi Bank. "I found that Bank of Tokyo employees shared many things in common with our bank - but Bank of Tokyo people are more sophisticated than Mitsubi-

Although the executives declined to reveal which side initiated the deal, they suggested that they both endorsed the idea

**Iranians to Sell** 

Airport Linked

New York Times Service

civilian airport in Germa-

gence officials say was used

to smuggle weapons and

high technology to Iran,

have put it up for sale after

an article detailing the op-

eration in The New York

The Iranian owners.

Mehdi Kashani and

Moussa Khayer Hahibol-

lahi, who bought the Har-

tenholm airport in 1993 for

11 million Deutsche marks

(\$6.5 million), told the pro-

vincial government of

Schleswig-Holstein of the

sale, German officials said.

Germans associated with

the airport said it would

probably sell for 3 million

The airport, about 55 ki-

lometers (35 miles) north of

Hamburg, operated largely

beyond the scrutiny of Ger-

man customs authorities.

Western intelligence offi-cials say it used by Iranians

to smuggle arms and tech-

nology for a nuclear weap-

ons program.

DM to 5 million DM.

Times this month.

The Iranian owners of a

To Smuggling

said Tasuku Takagaki, president of the Bank of Tokyo. When I was wondering what to do, in the chats with Mr. Wakai, I came to think that if we could work togeth-er, we could make an interesting bank."

Japan's Ministry of Finance and Fair Trade Commission both appeared to welcome the news, suggesting that they would not block the merger, which the two banks said they hoped to complete before April 1996. The Finance Ministry has recently from the start. "I had come to think that a endorsed so-called "rescue" mergers that

would bring together a strong institution with one of the many weaker banks suffering from a heavy burden of bad debt.

Bad real estate loans have plagued the banking industry in Japan ever since the collapse of the bubble economy depressed prices and made it impossible for many corporations to repay their loans for realestate projects. Analysts have said that problem loans in the sector - on which interest has not been paid for six months - amount to more than 13 trillion yen, or nearly \$150 billion.

# NIGERIA: Killing Field in the Southeast Also Happens to Be Rich in Oil

Continued from Page 1 they have voluntarily with-

ing their operations there. I have made it quite clear that we are not prepared to spill one drop of blood, even for a million barrels," said Egbert Imomoh, a Shell general manager. "We are not in a hurry, and will return only when we are welcome.

At the same time, however, officials of Shell Nigeria say that the company's conflict with the Ogoni is spreading to other ethnic groups in the re-gion who harbor many of the same complaints against the company. Shell says that in sevequipment has been sabotaged and its workers have been taken Nigeria's military govern-

ment has repeatedly denied any involvement in reported atrocities in Ogoniland, ascribing any killings to local conflicts and terrorism by the Ogoni

ties arrested Ken Saro-Wiwa,

an Ogoni who is one of this

country's most distinguished

writers, on charges that he had

killed Ogoni leaders.

been held in military jails since drawn from Ogoni areas, clos- his arrest and deprived of visits for most of that time, is being tried for the murders before a military-run tribunal in Port Harcourt.

James Ron, a Human Rights Watch researcher who spent three weeks investigating military ahuses, said that after the killings of four conservative Ogoni leaders for which Mr. Saro-Wiwa was accused, "soidiers moved in and just began shooting people in their villages, burning their homes and arresting young Ogoni men en

"When the government beeral areas of the Niger Delta its gan its attacks, it looked at first as if they were looking for the killers, but they conducted themselves as if they were leading a punitive expedition," Mr. Ron said. "If some people were interrogated, many of the de-

tainees were simply mistreated.
"Young Ogoni men were flogged twice a day, and there was an effort by the soldiers to extract as much money from Last May, in what Nigerian the detainees as possible. Peoand international human rights ple were told that unless their groups describe as a politically families came up with large inspired frame-up, the authori- amounts of money they would not be released." Mr. Ron, who was allowed to

enter Ogoniland for one day

with a military escort, said he

and another colleague had only

cess to their villages has been effectively closed to outsiders by Nigerian security forces. Human Rights Watch was allowed to tour the region with military escort, but during a three-week investigation was

able to arrange elandestine meetings with several Ogoni victims, as well as with four about half of the country's outsoldiers who separately gave their accounts of army-led attacks on Ogoni villages. Military officials and Shell managers both warned of

been able to interview many of

secret after they were brought

out of their homeland by trust-

Since the start of the attacks

"trouble" should foreign reporters seek to enter Ogoni ar-Nigeria has increasingly become the focus of international

human rights critics in recent weeks, who have reproached General Abacha's 18-monthold government with wave after wave of arrests of political opponents, union leaders, and. most recently, one of the country's former presidents, Olusegun Obansanjo. In 1979, he became the first Nigerian leader since independence in 1960 to voluntarily surrender power after democratic elections.

The Washington-based lobby the victims of army attacks in TransAfrica warned Nigeria earlier this month that it was preparing to mount a "global campaign of economic and pobtical isolation," to force Genon the Ogoni, independent ac- eral Abacha to restore democratic rule.

> Petroleum production accounts for 80 percent of Nigoria's revenue. Nigeria exports from 60 percent to 90 percent of its oil, a lightweight, or "sweet," crude considered ideal for gasoline production, to the United States. Shell, which generates put, is by far Nigeria's largest

#### 10 New Radar Stations To Warn of Cyclones

COLOMBO - About 10 weather radar stations will be built in the northern Indian Ocean to strengthen cyclone detection in a region where hundreds of people are killed by

such storms every year, a mete-orological report said Tuesday. The report by the Panel on Tropical Cyclones, which met in Colombo, highlighted the need to minimize cyclone damage. Cyclones killed 545 people m 1994 in India, Bangladesh

#### **Carter Obtains** 2-Month Truce In South Sudan

Agence France-Presse

KHARTOUM, Sudan Jimmy Carter has negotiated a two-mouth ceasefire from midnight Tuesday in the civil war that has raged for 12 years and left more than 1 million people dead in Sudan.

In Cairo, the rebels gave a cautious welcome to the halt in hostilities announced by the Sudanese leader, General Omar Has-

"The initiative by Carter is good news for all the children of south Sudan," said Daniel Kodi Angelo, the Middle East representative of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army, "But we ask for international moni-

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san Ahmad Bashir.

nounced Monday that a unilateral cease fire would come into force at midnight Tuesday to help Mr. Carter forts and give further impehas to the peace process." The general repeated an offer of annesty to southern

toring of the cease-fire." General Bashir an-

## INTERNATIONAL

## Europeans Flee on Jet From Paris

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Reners
BUJUMBURA, Burundi —
A French jet that flew into Burundi early Tuesday carrying a French minister on a peace mission left later in the day carrying about 200 Europeans.

The French cooperation and development minister, Bernard Debré arriving in the carrying in the carrying in the carrying in the carry

Debré, arriving in the central African country for the second time in five days, said the international community might intervene if the violence there worsened. But be ruled out a unilateral mission by French troops similar to one in Rwanda last year.

Hutu leaders, including government officials, have spoken in favor of involving the international community, but Tutsi radicals have warned that any foreign force would meet resis-

Hutu-Tutai violence in Rwanda set off a genocide last year that killed up to a million people in two months.

There were few public tears or emotional scenes in Bujumbura's airport as wives and children said farewell to relatives and boarded an Air France Boeing 747 sent by the French government, leaving a city racked by ethnic violence.

Violence between majority Hutu and minority Tutsi has killed hundreds in the last week and threatens to rip the country apart, as it did neighboring Rwanda last year.

Officials at the French Embassy refused to describe the Tuesday flight as an evacuation, saying that 160 French citizens left at French expense for early Easter bolidays because of

The U.S. Embassy said 15 relatives of officials would fly what the future might bring but



Frenchman holding his adopted son at the airport Tuesday.

sador advised other Americans women and children to leave. An estimated 50,000 Burun-

dians, mainly Hutu, have al-ready fled, many of them on foot to neighboring Zaire, and whole areas of the capital are desolate.

"I am leaving for my holidays a little bit early," a French teacher who refused to be identified said before boarding the flight to France. "I shall be back as planned on April 14."

She admitted there was some

tension among those leaving at ont Wednesday, and the ambas- added, "We all have hope,"

About 40 other Europeans Chirac Said to Get Break on Lodging to leave. The Foreign Ministry also used the flight to escape the in Bonn also advised German capital — now calm after a capital — now calm after a weekend of killing, grenade blasts, gunfire and what government officials have described as ethnic cleansing by Hntu militias of mixed neigh-

borhoods in the city. Prime Minister Antoine Nduwayo said he would set up ethnic ghettos to separate the two communities, but United Nations officials expressed concerns that the move could fan

ethnic hatred in the long term. Three Belgians, including a 4-year-old girl, were killed in an ambush by Hutn gunmen near Bujumbura on March 19.

EU Is Split Over Punishing Canada in Fishing Feud

## French Rightists Now Aim Fire at Each Other

lestists.

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune

PARIS - A tilt to the right among French voters has turned the presidential election into a personal match between two conservatives — Mayor Jacques Chirac of Paris and Prime Minister Edouard Balladur - and has prompted unions to strike in an effort to

win wage increases before a rightist victory.

France faces transportation problems this week with walkouts in the domestic airline, the railroads and the Paris transport system.

Air Inter said it was curring half its flights Tuesday and Wednesday. Train and subway strikes will cause traffic chaos Thursday in Paris. And postal strikes have blocked mail in some provinces.

The unions hope to wring concessions during the campaign and, more important, to forestall cost-cutting in staterum services once France has a conservative president.

cutbacks is conspicuously ab- election May 7.

debates about economic policy. has suddenly been shouldered aside by demands for wage increases now that France is showing signs of economic re-

Both conservative candidates now back the idea that more consumer spending has economic advantages that out-weigh the risk of inflation.

If fulfilled these campaign promises for tax cuts and increased spending would breach the austerity policies that gov-ernments in Paris have pursued for more than a decade in an effort to make France more competitive internationally. For now, French conserva-

tives are more worried about the rancorous feud between Mr. Chirac and Mr. Balladur and the risk that post-electoral bitterness will erode the next presi-

dent's authority.

The comhat has intensified with new polls indicating that Mr. Balladur and Mr. Chirac They are pressing their de- may face each other in the secmands even though talk of such ond round of the presidential

sent from the campaign oratory of both Mr. Chirac and Mr. ladur may have halted his slide Balladur, who have concentratin popularity enough to edge ed on promising tax cuts and out the Socialist candidate, Lio-

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Pollsters caution against giving too much credence to the tangled about accusations of numbers since nearly half of the improprieties in office, an asvoters are undecided. In addition, there is puzzlement about the weak showing of French Conservative candidates, in-

cluding the two nationalists. Jean-Marie Le Pen and Phi-Any figment of cooperation fell away Tuesday when Mr. Balladur was quoted as saying lippe de Villiers, together com-mand the support of roughly 65 percent of French people — a margin that has not materialized in any recent election. Still, with a conservative vic-

tory apparently assured. Mr. Chirac and Mr. Balladur can concentrate on each other. So far, both candidates have up his cuffs and embraced the

avoided vilifying each other by name, remembering that such

Instead, the two leaders have sertion that forced disclosures about both candidates' personal wealth - and left both men convinced that his rival had leaked emharrassing material.

that he would not withdraw in Mr. Chirac's favor even if the two men ended up in a runoff. His readiness to fight to the finish fits Mr. Balladur's new aggressive campaign style. Ahandoning his initial image as an aloof manager, he has rolled

traditional campaign hoopla.

more spending to belp the homeless.

Unemployment, which has been at the center of French

In the center of French

In the difference of the first round of voting on and eased the two presidential victories of dur government has strong in-

Mr. Chirac, who overtook Mr. Balladur's early lead with energetic campaigning, is stick-ing to his own new look of natural spontaneity tempered by experience. Mr. Chirac portrays himself as a man in touch with ordinary people, especially

A poll published Tuesday in-dicated that 27.5 percent of vot-ers would back Mr. Chirac in the first round, down from 29.5 percent 10 days earlier, Mr. Balladur gained 3 points, to 20.5 percent, while Mr. Jospin lost 1 point, to 20 percent.

In a runoff. Mr. Chirac was shown beating any rival, but name, remembering that such personal rivalries have shar-with Mr. Balladur's prim permargin over Mr. Jospin.

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#### Grand Banks. fice urged the "utmost re-straint" by the EU and an end On Tuesday, Spain moved on,

over how to defend Spanish in-terests against Canada in a dispute over fishing rights in international waters off Newfound-

The EU's executive branch, the European Commission, hinted that it might impose sanctions against Canada for a series of what it called "aggressions," culminating in the culting of a net from a Spanish trawler Sunday:

According to his spokesman, the commission president, Jacques Santer, called Prime Minister Jean Chrétien of Canada late Monday and said any further moves by Ottawa "will bave consequences on the Union's relations with Canada beyond fishing."

But EU member states, and

stocks of Greenland halibut, or turbot, off Newfoundland's

its own, filing a World Court complaint against Canada. The court, the judicial arm of the United Nations, confirmed that Spain submitted an application, but declined to disclose details.

The Spanish fisheries minister, Luis Atienza, has lobbied the EU for a strong stand against Ottawa.

"I hope the European Commission is ready to enact sanctions" if Canada threatens more Spanish boats, he said. We favor a solution through

international arbitration, but it is not possible if Canada continues to threaten the safety of our fishermen," be added.

sauctions against Canada.

But the British Foreign Ofto "megaphone diplomacy." "Britain will continue to use

high-level contacts with Canada and Spain and with the commission and other member states to reduce tension and urge an early negotiated settlement," it said in a statement.

Fishermen from Britain's southwest coast flew the Canadian flag on Tuesday to show their support. Cornish fisher-men clashed with their Spanish counterparts last year in a dispnte over rich fishing grounds off Ireland.

Negotiations on fisheries conservation and monitoring

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches the commission itself, offered BRUSSELS — The Europe- differing opinions on how far to ment had asked delegates from ter EU officials had said Mon- Pas, said the commission was pended until Canada stopped sary" to the delegates in order harassing EU lishing boats. to start a retaliation process. (AP, Reuters)

Amsterdam

PARIS -A French newspaper says that the front-runner in the

The weekly Canard Enchaîne reported in an article to be

presidential campaign, Mayor Jacques Chirac of Paris, is living in

a \$2 million apartment owned by a subsidized-housing company

that bought the property to protect him from the threat of a sharp

published Wednesday that Mr. Chirac paid a monthly rent of 11,000 francs (\$2,200) for a spacious ground-floor apartment with

a private garden, in a villa in a chic Left Bank district of the

capital. The rent was about half the normal rate, the paper said.

Stefanini, as confirming that the apartment was owned by the

company SGIM, which specializes in subsidized housing. Canard

Enchaine said the company was partly owned by Paris municipal authorities and by a holding company controlled by Guy and

Mr. Chirac's office declined to comment on the report.

The paper quoted Mr. Chirac's campaign manager, Patrick

After meeting the EU fisheries commissioner, Emma Bonino, on Tuesday, Mr. Atienza said she supported Spain's in-tention to continue fishing for turbot despite a Canadian-im-

posed moratorium. Her position, however, was not shared by all commission members, EU officials said privately. They said the EU trade chief, Sir Leon Brittan, who is charged with overall relations with Canada, is more inclined to favor Ottawa's position over

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that of Madrid. The commission has been preparing a list of possible diplomatic and economic measures with which to retaliate. Its

#### **BOOKS**

ART & LIES: A Piece for Three Voices and a Bawd

By Jeanette Winterson. 206 pages. \$22. Knopf.

Reviewed by Elizabeth Hand

DEAD White European Males have taken such a beating these last few years that the combined energies of all the Blooms - Allan, Harold, Leopold - would scarce be enough to revive them. What a marvel, it is, then —a marvel and rather a clever little joke, considering the author's provenance - to read Jeanette Winterson's "Art & Lies" and find that DWEMs

pages) that absolves them of many of their sins of omission, without permitting them to forgo their penance. Winterson is one of our most important writers in English, the author of four previous novels that have been acclaimed on both sides of

the Atlantic. "Art & Lies" is nothing if not andacions. Three passengers board a train, which with its cargo of light appears to be that very locomotive Einstein used to explain his theory of relativity. The passengers' names are Handel, Picasso, Sappho; and so you think this is going to be a

have not only been given their variation on a couple of dead artistes sitting around talking — "Godel Escher Bach" meets artistes sitting around talking
— "Godel Escher Bach" meets
"Strangers on a Train."

But then Handel turns out to be a middle-aged surgeon and failed priest; brilliant, a specialist in breast cancer, haunted by his own failures and those of his church. Picasso is an artist, yes, but she is a young woman, fleeing her horrible bourgeois family and the incestuous attentions of her older brother. Only Sappho appears to be really Sappho; but who can be sure of that, since we know her only by those fragments of poetry that have survived the ravages of piece, the bawd of the subtitle, whose adventures reflect and refract those of Handel, Sappho, Picasso in unexpected

Winterson has set herself a still preater task. Her three passengers are all fleeing a terrible place and time, London at the millennium, "The City 2000 Af-ter Death," where their lives have been imprisonments of varying sorts. Picasso has been ington Post.

quite literally locked up, institutionalized after she attempted to blow the whistle on her brother's abuse. Sappho's life - her art - has been suppressed by representatives of the patriarchy; and Handel has

seemingly lost the key to his heart, somewhere between the seminary and the surgical amphitheater. Yet all three have been sustained during their in-ternments in the 20th century by Good Angels, Art hut even more than Art, Words. As Sap-pho puts it, "I was and am still moved by things remote from me. Things demanding words, things whose life I understood centuries? This volume details so well that they seemed to be (among other things) the erotic my own. They were not my peregrinations of Doll Sneer-own. Not one flesh but one image and the image more potent that the flesh. My Muse . . ."

Poignant, breathtaking, humorous and erotic (not for nothing is Doll Sneerpiece in here) and a real page-turner, the surreal rail passage of "Art & Lies" is not to be missed.

Elizabeth Hand the author of several novels, including the forthcoming "Waking the Moon," wrote this for The Wash-

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While "Art & Lies" is dizzying, almost brazen, in its effects,

## LIVING IN THE U.S.?

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## Kidnapped by Iraq

#### Clinton Can't Ignore It

Not even the Iraqis charge that the two American aircraft maintenance specialists just convicted for an illegal border crossing were spies. On a casual day trip from Kuwait, they were passed, mistak-enly, through a United Nations checkpoint. Then they were passed, again mistakenly, through an Iraqi checkpoint. For this patently innocent passage, an Iraqi court gave the two eight years.

A smart Saddam Hussein would have shipped the pair home quickly and grabbed for the international credit. Instead, the iraqi strongman held on to them presumably as bait in a negotiation aimed at loosening the Americansponsored United Nations sanctions on his regime. The speaker of Iraq's Parliament, with no documentation, has raised the possibility of "sabotage" in this case. But he also said there might

still be room for "leniency."

The United States asks for the release of the two Americans on a "humanitar-ian" basis. That means Washington is prepared to go without demanding that Iraq pay a political price for its offensive already a concession. It should not

#### No Sanctions Linkage

Iraq has handed down unjustifiable eight-year sentences for two Americans who trespassed on its territory. Their imprisonment poses a delicate diplomatic problem for President Bill Clinton. Already Republican presidential hopefuls have called for forceful action to free the men. In coming weeks, the easing of economic sanctions on Iraq will come before the United Nations Security Council. Make too much of the two men's plight and Mr. Clinton drops a bargaining chip into Saddam Hussein's pocket. Make too little of it and the Republicans accuse him of letting two Americans rot in a Baghdad jail. Either way, Mr. Clinton's policy toward Iraqi sanctions is in some ways now held hostage, too.

The Clinton administration has so far steered a correct course. It has urged Iraq to release the men on humanitarian grounds. It has enlisted France and Russia in its efforts. At the same time, it has properly rejected any direct linkage of their release to a relaxation of economic sanctions on Baghdad.

Indirect linkage may be unavoidable. France and Russia favor lifting of Security Council sanctions, America is opposed. If they secure the men's release,

mean that the United States is prepared to accept Iraq's plea for its own matching "humanitarian" release from international sanctions. Those penalties were imposed to extract compensation for wrongs that Iraq, the aggressor, did in the Gulf war. All along, the United Nations has offered to permit Iraq to sell oil for its food and emergency needs. For reasons of its own, Iraq has rejected this loophole. This past weekend it chose to say "no" again.

What Iraq has done amounts to kidnapping. It is something that the United States cannot ignore. Nor is this simply because of the American dispute with Saddam Hussein's Iraq. With millions of Americans constantly traveling, the United States has a greater national interest than any other country in seeing to the safety of its citizens ahroad.

The tactics of how to deal with a Saddam Hussein are always difficult. The Clinton administration is taking what it calls a "quiet hut firm" diplomatic route. Several candidates for the Republican presidential nomination declare that Bill Clinton should show himself ready to go a military route. He needs to get the two Americans back in a hurry.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Paris and Moscow may seek some concession from Washington on sanctions. That is acceptable only after Iraqi com-

The two men, who work for American defense contractors in Kuwait, were said to be visiting friends in the demilitarized zone, 10 kilometers wide on the Iraqi side of the border and five kilometers wide on the Kuwaiti side. To impede incursions, Kuwait has built a deep trench along its side of the border, but the two men crossed a bridge over the trench, where the United Nations and Iraq maintain checkpoints. It is a wonder how they were waved through both checkpoints.

Holding them will do little for Iraq's cause. Releasing them could help France and Russia try to win a lifting of the Iraq embargo when inspectors report to the Security Council on Iraqi compliance with disarmament strictures. Under the terms of the cease-fire resolution ending the Gulf war, Iraq will be allowed to resume selling oil once it relinquishes its weapons of mass destruction, identifies all its arms-making sites and suppliers and allows international monitoring. Lifting of the oil emhargo should not be tied to the two Americans. Baghdad has a right to full relief only when it complies fully on arms.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Corruption Goes Global, and So Has to Be the Riposte

WASHINGTON — Even a casual skimming of recent headlines reyeals a world that appears to be awash in a wave of corruption. Governments have fallen in Brazil, Italy and Japan. French courts have sent a minister to jail. The scandal in Belgium may reach the highest levels of NATO.

Is this simply one more example of the media spotlight focusing on an age-old problem and inflating it well beyond its actual dimensions? Or bas the practice of brihing public officials really become more important than in the past?

We are firmly convinced that corruption is in the public eye for good reason. It is a greater threat to business and society than ever before.

Law enforcement officials like Interpol's secretary-general, Raymond Ken-dall, warn that it is becoming difficult to draw a clear line between "normal" political business corruption and hard-core organized crime activity. Because fiscal evasion, bribery, and money laundering all

#### The threat of organized crime penetrating legitimate business is real and growing.

entail similar techniques (deposits to offshore banks, for example), one easily slides into the other,

The problem is compounded by what police agencies describe as the increasingly far-flung financial activities of organized crime. According to the adminis-trator of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Thomas Constantine, the drug trade is now a \$400 billion to \$500 hillion business that circulates much of its

By Stephen J. Kobrin, Moises Naim and Patrick Glynn

money through the global financial system. The threat of organized crime pene-trating legitimate business — and largescale corruption of the global financial system itself - is real and growing.

The increasing globalization of finance and business complicates the problem by putting a good deal of activity out of sight and out of the reach of national jurisdictions. International business transactions are barder for national government to track and control. Borders are becoming diffuse.

Today it is almost impossible to separate international from domestic business, offshore from onshore activity. Corrupt activity anywhere can affect any country's domestic economy and institu-

tions in the blink of an eye. Until recently, multinational corporanons, especially those based outside the United States, generally accepted cor-rupt practices as the price for doing business, if not in their own countries then certainly abroad. This is now beginning to change. The spate of major businesspolitical scandals in the last two years indicates what appears to be a global shift in public attitudes toward corrupnon. The "clean hands" movement m Italy is but one example.

Governments and corporations are finding that public exposure of such practices carries a high price tag, up to and including jail sentences for those involved. All this has heightened interest among political ad business leaders in broader coordination of anti-corruption efforts, including international standardization of legal frameworks and business ethics. For example, two recent OECD-spon-sored conferences, one on bribery and the

other on official corruption, focused on the need for new multilateral approaches. And the European Union has taken steps to establish Europol, a Europewide police intelligence agency to track

organized crime activity across borders. Business is also moving on the corruption issue. In January, the Geneva-based World Economic Forum, whose membership includes the world's top CEOs. launched a new anti-corruption initiative at its annual meeting in Davos. Executives, law enforcement officials, leading politicians, social scientists and ethics experts came together for a wide-ranging

discussion of the problem. The meeting led to formation of the Davos Group, whose membership in-cludes the Drug Enforcement Administration's Mr. Constantine and Interpol's Mr. Kendall, former Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt. Belgian Justice Minister Melchior Wathelet and the chairmen or chief executives of Germay's Siemens, Russia's Technobank, the Luxembourg bourse and half a dozen other large multinational concerns on four continents.

Working with experts from business schools and think tanks, the Davos Group committed itself to a year of intense activity, designed to highlight and begin to find solutions to the corruption problem. No one underestimates the scope of the task. Legal and ethical standards for business vary widely from na-tion to nation, and in many cultures corruption is deeply entrenched. Nonetheless, Davos Group members share a conviction that the time is ripe for reform.

They are proposing practical steps, including an international convention on corruption (paralleling existing conven-

tions on drugs and terrorism), standard international codes of ethics for businesses, greater uniformity in extradition treaties and practices, closer monitoring of international financial transactions, professionalization of the civil service in developing nations, and a variety of edu-cational efforts designed to focus busi-ness attention on ethical problems.

The state of the s

Executives of multinational firms are realistic enough to see that corruption in many places is simply a fact of life. But when all is said and done, most large corporations would prefer to stay out of

the business of bribing. Thanks to laws like the 1977 Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which bars U.S.-based companies from bribing foreign officials, American multinationals face more restrictive rules than most of their competitors, and would benefit from a leveling of the playing field.

Moreover, political officials in the developing and post-Communist worlds increasingly recognize corruption as a ma-

jor drag on development.

Tangible results will require hard-toachieve cooperation among politicians, law enforcement officials and the international business community. The formation of the Davos Group just possibly signals the beginning of a serious effort by international business by international business to come to grips with the global corruption problem.

The writers are members of the Davos Group. Mr. Kobrin is a professor of multina-tional management at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Naim is a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Mr. Glynn is a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. They contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune. .

#### pliance on disarmament.

The Nuclear Agreement With North Korea Is Flawed, So Improve It WASHINGTON - Despite a weak hand, North Korea

its dealings with the United States. True, it has agreed to freeze its nuclear program. But the payoff has been huge - and Pyongyang keeps asking for more. By threatening war, it persuaded Washington to abandon economic sanctions. It has also won a five-year delay of so-called challenge inspections of nuclear waste

sites requested by Washington and the International Atomic Energy Agency. Its appetite whetted. Pyongyang -- not wanting to seem dependent on Seoul threatens to break the agreement if the light-water reactors it has been promised under the agreeBy James R. Lilley

has skillfully kept the offensive in ment are built by South Korea. The United States cannot trap itself in a game in which North Korea keeps upping the ante at South Korea's expense. Washing-ton has encouraged this game hy creating the impression that the South is also to blame for the

problems on the peninsula. State Department leaks insinuate that the South insulted the North by not being suitably respectful about Kim Il Sung's death. In a bizarre twist, the North has demanded that Seoul apologize for alleged insults. Washington should not per-

form a balancing act between South and North. There is no

moral equivalence between the two. Who started the Korean War? Which is a hermit kingdom? South Korea's remarkable progress is there for all to see, It has an open press, genuinely democratic elections and an ex-

traordinary economy. North Korea has had trouble supplying its people with the basic necessities of life and clearly is in no position to lecture anyone on human rights. Further, the United States is committed to South Korea by shared interests and values as well as by a security treaty. These interests are not served by placating the North and denigrating the South.

The Clinton administration's flawed agreement should not be rationalized with the argument that the only alternative is war; the North Koreans are dangerous but not dominant. The real afternative is a better agreement.

During a recent trip to North Korea, I told my hosts what I believed had to be done. First, permit full inspections as soon as possible. Second, join with the South in reducing forces in the demilitarized zone. Third, join in confidence-building measures: installing botlines and notifying each other of military exercises Most important, both sides should resume their dialogue on overcoming divisions on the peninsula. The North-South agreements on reconciliation and cooperation reached in 1991 are the only real basis for long-term stability.

Trade and cultural exchanges would flourish, as would con-

structive engagement with America, North Korea has an unprecedented opportunity to improve its negative image in the United States. But if it persists in down-grading South Korea and belit-tling U.S. negotiators, the agreement aimed at restraining North Korea's nuclear ambitions, and the efforts to carry it out, will be seriously jeopardized.

The writer was U.S. ambassador to South Korea from 1986 to 1989. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

## **Tests for Cancer Risks**

Genetic tests that can tell if you are likely to get cancer are moving rapidly the cancer to which a patient may be into the marketplace before there is a prone. There are also concerns that medical consensus on their value or how to use them. The swift advance has understandably alarmed leading authorities on ethics and medicine. But many people might use test results to screen out peowill no doubt feel, as we do, that any information that can give them a head start in fighting a dreaded disease is more a blessing than a cause for fear. The tests analyze blood or tissue samples for signs of mutated genes that can greatly increase an individual's risk of getting cancers that affect the hreast, colon, thyroid, skin and brain.

It is mostly the rapid commercialization of the tests that has alarmed the experts. Some of the genes have been discovered only recently, yet already the genetic tests are being advertised to doctors, and at least one network of physicians will offer them to panents shortly. This is happening before experts in the genetics of cancer feel confident that they fully understand the significance of inheriting or developing a mutated gene.

The tests clearly pose some dangers. Experts have not identified all the genes involved in breast cancer, for example, or all the mutations possible, let alone whether all such mutations will cause cancer, making it difficult to interpret a genetic test for breast cancer. Nor, in many cases, can doctors offer

much useful advice on how to prevent the cancer to which a patient may be some patients, presented with gloomy test results, might turn suicidal, and that cost-conscious employers or insurers ple at high risk of cancer.

To find answers to such problems. many experts urge that testing be performed only in research settings, thereby limiting its availability.

That may be a sound scientific anproach. But many individuals will surely crave access to any scrap of information that might help them in the hattle against cancer. Some people found at very high risk of thyroid cancer might well wish to remove the thyroid surgically. Some at high risk of colon cancer might change their diets and get screened more often to detect and remove precancerous polyps. Those at high risk of breast cancer might redouble their efforts to diet, exercise and stay lean - and might also choose early mammography in an effort to detect small tumors.

There are no sure-fire ways to prevent or cure cancer, but advance warning that one is predisposed can at least allow people to marshal the few weapons availahle. Let the tests come to market while research goes forward on how best to interpret and handle the results.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## From Gujarat, a Lesson in Changing Illiterates Into Businesswomen

By Elisabeth Bumiller

WASHINGTON — The most important person Hillary Clinton sees on her trip to South Asia this week is a shy, 62-yearold revolutionary in a hand-spun cotton sari. Her name is Ela R. Bhatt. The fact that she is on the itinerary tells me that the White

House has got this trip right. Ela Bhatt is the founder and driving force of a now famous women's organization in India. called SEWA, that holds to the simple yet radical belief that poor women need organizing, not welfare. SEWA is the acronym for the Self-Employed Women's Association and corresponds to the Indian word sewa, for service,

Based in Ahmadabad, a dusty old textile city, SEWA is at its core a trade union for the selfemployed. In other words, it offers union membership to the illiterate women who sell vegetahles for 50 cents a day in the city markets, or who pick up paper

LAXENBURG. Austria — Environmentalists and offi-

cials from rich countries as well

as vulnerable low-lying areas are meeting this week in Berlin

to chart a course for the United

Nations treaty to slow global

warming. The conference is sure

to be declared a failure unless

there is agreement to seek a

tough new package of strict tar-

gets and timetables for limiting

emissions of the gases known to

a few of the 23 industrialized

countries that have pledged to

control their emissions have yet

to implement their commitments

fully. Imposing more stringent

obligations would only eviscerate international law and under-

So success in Berlin should be

measured by whether the treaty

narrows the gap between what

governments say and do, not by

whether delegates again agree to

cut commitments.

chase symbolic goals.

That would be wrong. All but

contribute to climate change.

scraps for recycling from the nides, and the horrific barriers of streets — jobs that most Indian caste begin to break down. To men don't consider real work.

Caste begin to break down. To date, SEWA has a membership of When a woman joins SEWA, several things usually happen,

Her income increases, since the union's power allows her better prices from the middlemen who supply ber vegetables, or who purchase her paper scraps. Then she plows the extra income into her family, for education, health care, hirth control. Studies have shown that Indian men often use extra income for alcohol, cigarettes and other personal treats.

Most important, a typically oppressed woman begins to change the way she thinks of herself. "For the first time she realizes she is not just someone's wife or daughterin-law," says Ela Bhatt "She's a worker, an active producer."

And when that happens, she meets women from other commu-

150,000 women, the vast majority of them poor and illiterate.

What does this mean for America? Everything. At a time when the United States is trying to end welfare as it now exists, SEWA provides a model. From the dust bowls of Gujarat to the new South Bronx, a simple truth emerges: Give people some control over their own destinies empower them, to use the current buzzword - and then watch as a spirit of enterprise emerges.

Hillary Clinton certainly knows this already. Her journey to South Asia could teach her more. Ultimately her trip is not just about women's issues but about learning how women are the real agents for change in the developing world, and at home.

I first met Ela Bhatt in the 1980s, when I was living in New Delhi and working on a book about the women of India. Up until then, I'll confess, the phrase "a trade union for the self-employed" made my eyes glaze over. But when I traveled to Ahmadabad in the fall of 1987, what I saw opened up my world.

When I first walked into the SEWA bank one stifling-hot October day, I was greeted by a festive cacophony of purposeful women, some eating lunch on the floor, others nursing babies along the sides of the room. The bank was where they socialized.
The SEWA bank now has

61,000 members, assets of \$4 million and customers who walk in each day to deposit a dollar or take out 60 cents.

For years, Ela often said, women had been treated "like dirt" by traditional bankers. Worse, women had no place to hide their savings from husbands and sons. With the SEWA bank, she explained in the gentle tone that softened the daring of her thinking,

we will be able to nonviolently, in the most Gandhian way, eliminate" the husbands' total control. Her vision has in large part been shaped by Mahatma Gandhi, the leader of the Indian independence movement who believed in nonviolence and the need to uplift the poorest members of society first. His first fast was in Ahmadabad in 1918, on behalf of striking workers at the city's textile mills. Out of that fast grew the Textile Labor Association, or TLA, the oldest and largest trade union of textile workers in India. A generation later, a young Brahmin woman from a well-todo Gujarati family could find no better place to murture her Gan-

dhian ideals than in a job with the TLA, which did extensive welfare work among its members. By 1968, Ela had taken over the women's division of the union, a job

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work among the members' wives. She would soon demolish the assumption that what these womon needed was charity from wellmeaning people like herself. In 1971 she met with a group of "head loaders" - women who carry cloth on their heads between Ahmadabad's wholesale and retail markets -- who complained that the cloth merchants routinely cheated them.

She helped them form a group to collectively demand better pay, then wrote an article about their plight for one of the local newspapers. When the merchants countered with an article of their own, insisting that they were paying the women fairly, Ela printed the merchants' claims on cards and

distributed them to the women. Out of that effort grew SEWA, which has organized women into 70 different trade cooperatives, from fish vending to cattle raising to weaving to hand-rolling cigarettes. Health care and insurance are available to the membership.

After a brief period in the up-per house of the Indian Parliament, Ela Bhatt is now the chair of Women's World Banking, the global financial-services network. She is also on the board of the Rockefeller Foundation - part of a change to move the founda-tion's leadership beyond the usual corporate titans.

The writer is author of "May You Be the Mother of a Hundred Sons: A Journey Among the Wom-en of India." She contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

#### Other Comment

#### An Odd Buildup in the Gulf

Lately, says U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry, Iran has been huilding up its military forces on three disputed islands near the Strait of Hormuz. ft has moved 6,000 troops to the sites, along with anti-ship missiles. It has also deployed anti-aircraft missiles and, curious-ly, chemical weapons. The latter seems an odd choice in an area where steady breezes would make their use highly chancy, but Mr. Perry insists that the weapons have been detected.

transan mterference with oil traffic would make little sense, given its own dependence on the Gulf's shipping lanes. Nonetheless, the buildup, along with Iran's acquisition of two Russian suhmarines and five fast-attack Chinese patrol boats, does raise questions. Until recently it was assumed the chief threat in the Gulf would continue to come from lraq. Now Washington has put a second candidate on its list. An overreaction? Maybe. But far better to treat Iran's huildup with caution than with indifference.

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Today's implementation gap does not mean that governments have ignored international law: controlling global warming is a difficult task. To varying degrees, countries are trying hard to meet their goals. But carbon dioxide, the main

cause of warming, is an intrinsic by-product of burning the fossil fuels that power the industrial world. In seeking mandated international targets, activists are drawing erroneously on experience with other international problems - like controlling sulpbut dioxide, which causes acid rain, and chlorofluorocarbons. By David G. Victor

Global Warming: Avoid Illusory Goals

which deplete the ozone layer -where relatively easy technical fixes and chemical substitutes are possible.

In those cases, governments could assess what was feasible and thus credibly agree to respect tough mandated interna-tional targets. What is at stake in managing climate change is a trickier job: planning a new decarbonized economy. That requires much better information about which policies work, and a closer link between what international law calls for and what countries actually plan and do.

The answer is to locus efforts over the next few years on gathering reliable technical information on what governments are doing. A promising system of national plans - consisting of inventoried emissions of greenhouse gases, planned policies and measures, and forecasts of emissions - is already in place, along with mechanisms for mul-

tilateral review. This system will face challenges enough without the Berlin delegates seeking the easy symbols of stringent new mandates that won't be met anyway.

Countries pressured into negotiating commitments that they cannot implement will respond, as many already have, by obscuring and omitting critical data. Without a transparent planning system it is impossible to distinguish genuine efforts from smoke and mirrors. More onerous future commitments to ment to the Herald Tribune.

slow global warming will be im-possible to verify.

Luckily, global warming is

not an imminent catastrophe. The greatest danger lies in the long-term buildup of gases. The UN's expert panel of chimate scientists concluded recently that the future concentration of carbon dioxide is most sensitive to the sum total of emissions: the exact timing of emissions reductions matters less. The world can easily afford to wait for two more rounds of planning and reviews - about six years on the current schedule that will be needed to build a sound foundation:

Still, the likely face-saving agreement in Berlin will be to launch new negotiations. The European Union, with one of the largest implementation gaps, says that it wants new commit-

ments within two years. That is a good idea if the time is used to explore the many unresolved issues, such as how to share the burden of slowing global warming. But it is a dan-gerously simplistic decision if the EU initiative is just a ruse to seek new symbolic commit-

ments that widen the gap. So the Berlin conference can succeed, but only if it leads to international law that takes implementation far more seriously.

The writer is a project leader for International Environmental Commitments, specializing in the study of what makes internation al environmental laws work effectively. He contributed this com-

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1895: A Taste for Larks

PARIS - To the Italian everything is edible; it is a nation without a palate. It steeps a hare in fennel and eats salt with melons. The craze for devouring birds of all kinds is a species of fury from the Alps to Etna; they crunch the delicate bodies between their jaws with disgusting relish, and a lark represents to them a succulent morsel for the spit or pasty. The trade in larks all over the world is enormous and execrable. It should at once be made penal by heavy fines on the trappers, the vendors, and the eaters, or ere long no more will the lark be heard on the earth.

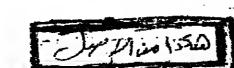
1920: Ouija Board Boom BALTIMORE — The business

boom which Baltimore has enjoyed has received a fresh impetus from an unexpected source — the oniia board. The increasing inter-

est in matters regarding the continmity of life after death, and the part which this little instrument has played in the demonstrations. bave caused a great demand at the plant that is manufacturing it.

#### 1945: Tommy's Initiative LONDON - If a British Tommy

runs into Hitler he'll have the full backing of His Majesty's Government for whatever course of action he decides to pursue. The question of instructing British soldiers in such an emergency was raised on the floor of the Commons today [March 28], but Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary. championed individual initiative as a governmental policy in such matters. After stating that Hitler is "one of the major war criminals," Eden was asked whether "if a British soldier sees Hitler will it be his duty to shoot him or try to bring him back alive?"



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## OPINION/LETTERS Flogging China With a Limp U.S. Noodle

NEW YORK — At least this can be said about a new human rights initiative of the rations operating abroad. This Clinton administration: There are people in the government can interested in burnan rights.

The administration 'encourages' businesses to adopt codes on fair employment practices, including 'avoidance' of child and forced labor.

House and National Economic Council, who still believe that the president can restore his reputation as a buman rights leader with funny-house mirrors and without putting pressure on Communist China or its

American business lobby. Last year President Bill Clinton reneged on his written word to use higher tariffs on some Chinese goods as incentive to bring smidgens of human rights

decency to Communist China. So Thursday his administration disclosed his new idea. U.S. business should institute volunprinciples for American corpo- on specific tyrannies. By A. M. Rosenthal

can supposed to satisfy Americans in the government who understood and argued that it was an embarrassing piece of hypocrisy, saying much, meaning nothing, fooling nobody.

They were overruled by higher authorities in the White is supposed to satisfy Americans rights, get them and their money behind him in the presidential campaign, and avoid the price presidents pay when they break their word.

Presumably Americans, Chioese Communists and tortured

oese Communists and tortured political prisoners in China and Tibet are all moronic enough not to ootice a few realities that make the proposal more salt in the wound.

I. It transfers entirely the po-litical and moral responsibility for fighting for buman rights in China from Washington to American business, which has already enthusiastically rejected any intention of annoying the Chinese Communists by harboring such thoughts.

2. To ensure that Beijing is not irritated merely by being mentioned in context of a human rights proposal, the administration does not mention any country. The plan is supposed to apply to the whole world. Un-codes for un-countries so diffuse that un-China need take no offense, or worry about its impact.

: If catch-all declarations about human rights had any effect so many exist already - China would be a huge civil biberties entertainment park. The point and purpose of buman rights actary codes of human rights tion is to apply specific pressure

3. Even as the limp ocodle it is, American businesses com-plained that it might somehow process, the ocodle was made ever limper

4 to 100. The plan contains Presumably Americans, Chi- no provisions for economic pressure or penalties against governments and busioesses that will continue saying what they have always said about buman rights codes without enforcement: Put it in your ear.
Instead, the administration
"coccurages" businesses to adopt codes on fair employmeot practices, including "avoidance" of child and forced labor. Avoidance!

About political oppression in workplaces in Whereverland, the administration says only that it should not be condoned, oo. There are oo unsettling details about how Chinese Communists openly operate within foreign-backed factories to carry out such political terrorism as harassing women workers into abortion.

Commenting on the coodle. Human Rights Watch/Asia said that given the range of abuse in countries where American companies do business, in-

Nigeria and of course China, the "codes" would do no more good than the "hortatory" lan-guage already found in personannoy the dreaded China. So, in nel manuals. History records the lengthy code-contemplating oo dictatorship frightened by

a company manual.

But in the U.S. Coogress a bill has been introduced that would demand reports from American businesses in China on what they have done to deal with specific violations of bo-man rights affecting their workers. The sponsors are Tom Lantos and Nancy Pelosi, both California Democrats, and Christopher H. Smith of New Jersey and Gerald Solomon of New York, both Republicans.

Mr. Lantos, long a buman rights fighter, said in a written statement that it was "unconscionable" for American business to say that to operate in China they had no choice but to accept gross violations of buman rights on their own factory floors. Mr. Lantos said the Clinton plan was "weak and ineffectual." Over the phone he was more

pithy. In seveo words be summed up what I have been writing in this column "It makes me sick to my stomach," he said.

The New York Times.

# Of Cults, Quakes and Japanese Survival

BOSTON — There was another earthquake in Japan last week, though not in recently ravaged Kobe. It was a rather small earthquake, and reports of its damage were drowned out by the horror of the ocrve gas loosed on the Tokyo subway by another of those Japanese cults with strange and somehow sinister names: Aum Shinrikyo, which means roughly, Amen the Doctrine of Truth No one was surprised by that small quake. The Japanese always expect disas-

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ters, natural or man-made. Calamities are a stark reality of life in Japan, as was material deprivation until very recently. Tidal waves, typhoons and the occasional volcanic eruption also afflict these islands

on the edge of the stormy Pacific Ocean. A precarious relationship with violent nature has shaped the Japanese people, whose dominance today frightens so many. During the millennia that formed their character, the Japanese lived oo rice and greens wrung from their meager soil by much toil and oo fish snatched from the seas amid constant danger.

Harsh self-discipline is required to live

in a cramped society in a sparse envirooment where no gift of nature is plentiful. Inured to hardship, the Japanese actu-ally expect disasters. They are rarely disappointed. If not natural disasters, they are hit by man-made disasters: recessions, bankruptcies, the oil shock that threatBy Robert Elegant

ened to deprive them of their energy oeeds in the 1970s or the dollar shock that has driven their currency upward since.

Although this has made their goods expensive elsewhere. Japanese exports have never been higher. The innate pessimism of the Japanese helps explain why they have done so well since their cities and industry were leveled during World War II. "Gambare," which is practically the national motto, is an exhortation to endure with gritted teeth the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune - and then to strive once more. A second motto urges: "Put your head down and charge your goal like a bull, looking oeither right nor left."

If unchecked, such compulsive and violent behavior would reduce Japanese society to anarchy. The Japanese have therefore imposed on themselves many complex rules of behavior, ranging from covering ooe's mouth when laughing to a minutely prescribed manner of

addressing ooe's superiors.

Often the two ingrained tendencies are at odds, not blending but clashing. Sometimes a Japanese will all but walk over a foreigner whom he does oot expect to see in a crowded public place. Almost invariably, be will then stop and apologize - profusely and sincerely.

The tension between the two antagonistic modes of behavior makes Japan

virtually a oation of ocurotics, from a Western point of view. Safety valves have therefore been installed in the machinery of Japanese society.

Participants in many temple festivals of Buddhism or Shinto are expected to get drunk and rowdy. Similarly, the salary-man, the quintessential white-collar employee, is expected to get drunk regularly with his office colleagues. If he tells the boss off while coovivally drunk, the boss is expected to forget the upbraiding and sometimes he actually does.

Another refuge from the wracking tension of normal life is the curious sects that have for centuries sprung up in Japan. Many are extremist and demand-ing as is Aum Shinrikyo, with its apparently murderous inclinations and the financially ruinous demands it makes on its disciples. But in its day Zen Buddhism was also demanding and extreme. Self-effacement and self-sacrifice for the sect are usually required.

Most Japanese manage to adjust to the divergent demands of their society. In doing so, they make Japan the dominant economic power it is. Some Japanese who find oormal life too demanding salve their bruised egos within such cults while waiting for the oext disaster to strike.

The writer, a visiting professor at Boston University, is a former Asia correspondent for the Los Angeles Times and Newsweek. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune,



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Two Kinds of Bombs?

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At the end of the Gulf War, the United States moved to provide a "safe haven" for the Kurds of oorthern Iraq, including a flight exclusion zone, to protect them from Saddam Hussein's genocidal aggression. The lofty goal of protecting these people bas continued since then, as it should, despite

the sometimes high costs.
So I was astounded to read that President Bill Clintoo had ordered the grounding of the protective flights so as not to mterfere with Turkish F-16s flying sorties against Kurdish

targets in Iraq.
It seems that for Saddam Hussein to bomb Kurdistan violates the UN resolutions being implemented by the United States, but that Turkish bombs against the same region are acceptable. Mr. Clinton has now resumed the overflights, but they protect only against Iraqi planes, not Turkish ones. How can such blatant bypocrisy exist? France and Germany, at

least, have spoken up. We beg Turkey to return to the community of nations, and we beg the United States to show its leadership by being true to its words and providing protection for the Kurds, not excuses for Turkey.

DAVID and ALWAND RUBY.

#### Pakistan and India

The editorial "How to Help Pakistan" (Opinion, March 16) acknowledges that Pakistan's troubled relationship with the United States is one factor behind the tragic events in that country. However, the formula prescribed for helping Pakistan is bound to aggravate the unrest and discord of most Pakistanis.

Given that Iodia enjoys normal trade relations with the Western world despite its ag-gressive nuclear policy, the de-mand that Prime Minister Ben-azir Bhotto sbould curb Pakistan's ouclear program in return for restoring economic

aid smacks of duplicity.

The same can be said of the idea that Pakistan should be punished for allegedly helping the Kashmiri resistance, while the West ignores India's flouting of the UN resolutions that promised Kashmir the right, through UN-administered refer-

endum, of self-determination. If Miss Bhutto complies with these humiliating demands, she will be viewed as having betrayed the interests of Pakistan. That may be more than enough.

in the current atmosphere, to destabilize ber regime. Regarding "Turkey Crosses a Line" (Opinion, March 24): AZZAM TAMIMI.

London. Dealing With Libya

Regarding "Oil Is a Weapon That Americans, Too, Should Be Reluctant to Use" (Opinion, March 23) by Edward L. Morse:

In using a strictly economic argument to oppose continued sanctions against Libya (there are none against Iran), Mr. Morse blithely ignores the reason for those sanctions in the first place. Libya stands accused of mur-

dering 270 persons in the terrorist attack on Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. Are we supposed to forget that because sanctions are bad business? The fact that America's European "friends" are willing to overlook the situation is to their discredit. It is their fault the American sanctions are weak. The unilateral U.S. embargo has resulted in impounding oearly \$1 billion of Libyan money in the United States.

What "gestures" has Libya made to resolve the crisis? I was the busband of one of the victims of the destruction of Flight 103, and I am suing Libya in a U.S. federal court. I would be one of the first to know if any usine effort had been made by the Gadhafi regime to make amends, and I know of none.

BRUCE M. SMITH, Port Orange, Florida.

#### Remember Estonia

An otherwise interesting article, "Hungarians Are Looking East, Far East, for Their Roots" (Feb. 8), contains incomplete information. The Hungarian language is related not only to Finnish but to Estonian, which

is also a European language. We realize that 50 years of Soviet occupation has dimmed the world's memory of Estonia as an independent nation, so, since restoring our independence, we are doing our best to get back on the map of Europe. TILA RAUDMA.

Ministry of Culture and Education. Tallinn, Estonia.

Blame the Purple Rain Regarding the headline "Too Many Purple Waves of Grain" Meanwhile, March 24):

"Purple waves of graio"! Even if your headline writer can't tell "America the Beautiful" from "Yes, We Have No Bananas," he ought to know the color of wheat.

BETTY S. SMITH. Le Beaucet, France.





The same thing seems to happen to companies who move to Wales.

They grow.

Multinationals like Sony, Pilkington, British Alrways, Bosch, Toyota and a host of smaller companies are all now bigger companies.

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# Stevie Wonder: Benevolent Optimism With a Warning

By Jon Pareles New York Times Service

EW YORK - There's a typical Stevie Wonder moment at the the end of "My Love Is With You," from his new album, Conversation Peace."

He's repeating, "My love is with you" and "I'm with you," while in the background, perfectly meshed into the rhythm and then emerging, is a chant: "Ban the

In the song, and throughout Wonder's career, benevolent optimism collides with concrete problems; for the moment, music holds them in an unlikely balance.

For more than two decades, Wonder, now 44, has occapied his own pop universe. He was a teenage prodigy in the 1960s, letting loose his serpentine vocals

he broke free and started creating most of his music by himself in the studio, overdubbing every instrument he could play (keyboards, drums, harmonica); as synthesizers have improved, Wonder's sonic vocabulary has grown richer.

His private musical laboratory isn't cold or sterile. He knows how to make machines sound perky, playful, even cuddly, with little squiggles and tendrils of improvisation poking out of mechanical patterns. On "Conversation Peace," he's not alone; Anita Baker, Branford Marsalis. Ladysmith Black Mambazo and others

Wonder turns up periodically on the pop charts, most recently with his theme for Spike Lee's 1991 film "Jungle Fever,"

and jazzy harmonies even within the hit-factory routine of Motown Records.

But with "Music of My Mind" in 1972,

recording schedule has grown more leisurely, with four-year gaps between al-

> Wonder seems to float outside pop's day-to-day bustle. He also stands apart from a pop attitude that is increasingly fragmented and self-absorbed, atomized. His songs insist that community still mat-

Wonder's music embraces multitudes, wonder's missic embraces intuitions, and he knows how to adapt virtually every style to his gift for melodies and hooks. Although most of his times for the sound-track of "Jungle Fever" were unmemorable, Wonder is back in form on "Conversation Peace" (Motown). The new songs hum themselves flampting their melodies hum themselves, flaunting their melodies before their eclecticism, even as Wonder's palette keeps expanding.

Jamaican dance-hall rapping opens "Tomorrow Robins Will Sing," which turns into light reggae; big-band horns curl through "Edge of Eternity." Funk makes way for gospel in "Take the Time Out"; a jazzy vamp carries "Sensuous Whisper," with werses that synomate like scat-singwith verses that syncopate like scat-sing-

N old-fashioned Motown beat pnsbes "Sorry"; hip-hop rhythms percolate in "Rain Your Love Down" and "Cold Chill," and as always, there are lush ballads.

Wonder doesn't want to shut out any good idea, old or new. And few performers in secular music are so determined to promote positive thoughts: encouraging comion and unity, spreading love both personal and collective.

The universal coalition in his music is a model for the ntopian dreams in his lyrics,

but it's easier to mesh styles than to bring harmony to human affairs. On "Conversation Peace," there's a new insistence to Wonder's messages, as if, after years of determined hopefulness, he's growing impatient - and worried

In "Rain Your Love Down," which opens the album, he prays for a purgative rain to "rid this world of drugs, disease, crime and pain"; if he weren't calling for love, he might be invoking Noah's flood. "Conversation Peace" ends with its

smooth but somber title song, which starts by contemplating millenniums of "mankind's atrocities to man." As the choir Sounds of Blackness joins in, Wonder chides, "There's no way we'll reach our greatest heights / Unless we heed the call / Me for you, you for me."

The music keeps promising the release of a gospel chorus but descends back to its

mournful minor key. Wonder likes to leave listeners smiling; this time, his warning is

The oddest song on the album remains "My Love Is With You." In the verses, "My Love is with You." in the verses, Wonder sings about getting killed as a bystander on gang-war turf: "A shower of bullets rang out / Mistakenly my life was done." Then he decides, "Though my life they've taken / They can't take what we shared," and he moves into a celebratory (and catchy) chooses bestowing love in (and catchy) chorus, bestowing love in every season, for all family and friends.

But tucked in among the percussion, helping to drive the rhythm track, is a sampled gunshot, which works its way back up to the surface of the music. Wonder is necessary and back up to the surface of the music. der is pouring out love and melody, all the leasure he knows how to generate. But in the end he can no longer be sure that good intentions will make a difference.

## Havel's Farce With Chilly Center

By Sheridan Morley International Herold Tribune

ONDON - At the Orange Tree in Richmond, where 20 years ago Sam Walters pioneered the plays of Vaclav Havel, only later to have the pleasure of flying out to Prague for a quiet consultation with his house dramatist and finding the said dramatist on a balcony waving at a vast throng of the people who had just elected him their president, there is now a welcome revival of "The Memorandum." Havel's satire on office politics as a microcosm for the national variety may have grown a little creaky of late, but this is still a sprightly farce with a

What I had never noticed until now is the curious proximity of Havel to Michael Frayn: both as dramatists are essentially satirists obsessed with the escalating chaos of bureaucracy and the absolute logic with which it descends into nightmare. In 'The Memorandum" we are dealing with the sudden imposition of a new and latterly incomprehensible language which is to be used by all personnel at all times and in all

The language itself becomes a uniform, taken on obediently by all with no ques-

tioning of where it came from, who designed it or for what purpose; in its own malign way, it actually creates work for teachers and secretaries, as well as affording new rungs on the career ladder for the ambitious, new banana skins for the acci-

dent-prone to trip over. Clearly Havel was attacking the Czech regime of the middle 1960s, but "The Memorandum" can be read to apply any-

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where that authority is frightening any-where that a system has been devised and imposed on individual freedom and personal anarchy.

Walters's splendidly Katkaesque production has strong farcical turns from Ian Angus Wilkie as the silent but all-knowing Mr. Pillar and John Baddeley as the manic teacher, as well as a powerful stage debut by Victoria Hamilton.

It would be unforgivably impertinent and un-Scandinavian of me to suggest that if the world is going to end abruptly in our lifespan we may as well be in Denmark at the time, but that is certainly the thought prompted by Astrid Saalbach's "Morning & Evening" which (in translation by Michael Evans) can be found at Hampstead, a the-ater going through just about the worst them or a good Danish dramatist.

season for new writing in recent memory. A new play from Scandinavia is indeed a London rarity, even on the fringe, and it's not as though I was expecting "Peer Gynt:" but Saalbach's defiantly obscure, elliptical series of pre-intermission sketches, followed by a lengthy alfresco dinner party at which the apocalypse comes all too slowly, is not exactly an advertisement for what we have been missing.

The director, John Dove, has gathered a starry cast, (Polly Adams, Selina Cadell, Reece Dinsdale), who must be under the impression that something meaningful is going on here, but quite what is never clear. The natural order has broken down, the stars and moon have disappeared and there is birdsong at midnight; but across moody, marital-breakdown dialogues all we really get is a sense of vague irritation among Copenhagen's affluent elite, who might as well be regretting the absence of a caterer for all the feeling we get of anything terrible happening out there.

Speeches lifted out of context are usual-

ly unfair, but when a character starts telling us that "we live as in a dream but the alarm bells are ringing and our cosy nests are no longer safe," it is perhaps a good idea to wake up and try to find some more



Thomas Moser, left, as Peter Grimes and Gregory Yurisich as Balstrode in Britten's opera.

## Grimes': Britten's Classic Loner

By David Stevens International Herold Tribune

ARIS — Still riding high on the triumph of Henry Purcell's "King Arthur," the Theatre du Châtelet has done a fast-forward leap of 250 years with a powerful production of the work that put England back on the musical theater map in this century, Benjamin Britten's "Peter Grimes."

The world premiere of this opera just after the end of the war in 1945 not only

ended a large void in English musical life, but announced the arrival of one of this century's major operatic composers, and the beginning of a steady output of distinc-tive works for the musical stage that did not end until "Death in Venice" almost 30

Based on "The Borough," the 1810 narrative poem by George Crabbe about life in the Suffolk fishing village of Aldeburgh —where Britten established his music restival — the libretto presents a rich variety of local characters but concentrates on the title part of a fisberman, a classic outsider ment o arouses the fatal hostility of the townspeople, even though he dreams of a more conventional life.

The title role has been associated mainly with two tenors. Peter Pears, Britten's companion and a singer for whom he wrote many major roles, brought to it a reedy, almost disembodied tone, but great expressive power. Later, Jon Vickers endowed the part with Wagnerian amplitude

Here, the American tenor Thomas Moser positions himself somewhere between the two. His strong and clear lyric voice rides easily through the heavy vocal surf, and physically he is convincing as a paramoid loner, although not always well served by Adolf Dresen's sometimes excessively frenetic stage movements.

Britten brought a powerful cohesiveness to the score with the six orchestral inter-ludes that precede each of the scenes after the prologue. They give each of the com-poser's three acts an uninterrupted musical arch, and even with the work divided by a single intermission, as it is here, the contimuity remains. The score was delivered with eloquence and dramatic power by Jeffrey Tate and the Philharmonia Orchestra, which spends part of each season in residence at the Châtelet, and an entirely anglophone cast.

Nancy Gustafson made a youthful and sympathetic widow as Ellen Orford, whose sentimentality is ultimately unhelpful to Grimes, and Gregory Yurisich was stal-wart as the old salt Balstrode, who finally tells Grimes to go to sea and scuttle his boat and himself. Anne Collins as the pub owner, Sarah Walker as the slightly cracked Mrs. Sedley, Stafford Dean as the lawyer, and Alexander Oliver as the clergyman, stood out in a large cast.

Mathias Fischer-Dieskau's sets and Bettina Juliane Walter's costumes, reinforced by Robert Bryan's sensitive lighting, adroitly evoked the atmosphere of the roughhewn North Sea fishing town, as seen and musical activities.

and barely contained physical violence. from different angles at different hours. Dresen's stage direction did not always solve the conflict of emphasizing the crowd while also bringing out the individuality of many smaller roles. And the mime worked out for the mute role of Peter's apprentice was unconvincing, consisting mainly of the

Remaining performances are March 20, and April 2 and 4.

T 80, any appearance by Carlo Maria Grufini is to be treasured, definitely including his series of concerts with the Orchestre de Paris and its chorus in which Schubert's final Mass, in E flat (D.950), was the principal offering.

Written in the final year of the compos-er's thort me, between the great C major symphony and the quinter, it is strangely conventional, yet intermittently of deep feeling and powerful dramatic impact.

Giulini drew the most from a score that looks both backward to classical structure and forward to romantic feeling. His expansive and leisurely tempos worked less well with Mozart's Symphony No. 40, although he got playing of intense detail from the orchestra.

. The Orchestre de Paris has just reached an accord with the Theatre du Châtelet (both of which have the same general director, Stephane Lissner), under which the Châtelet will become the orchestra's base starting in 1997, and the orchestra will be a major participant in the theater's operatic

## Tom Harrell, Redeemed by Music

By Mike Zwerin utional Herald Tribune

ARIS — Catching Tom Harrell in person, you suspect that you are in the presence of someone being redeemed by music. Some sort of state of grace.

Of course every serious musician is in a sense being redeemed by it, but you cannot begin to understand either this man or his clear take on improon top of being a resourceful trumpeter who rarely plays a cliche or repeats an idea, Harrell is a clinically diagnosed paranoid schizophrenie. When he puts his horn to his

lips he is the way normal ought to be, but he shuffles to and from the bandstand like a question mark. Between solos, his head bends down at right angles, eyes on the floor, arms dangling, not a twitch; an immobility way beyond concentration. The word "catatonic" crosses your mind. He credits the tunes and musicians onmike in a scratchy, spaced-out drone. People who do not un-derstand ask if he is strung out. drone. People who do not understand ask if he is strung out, a question which lost him work before he became such an ac-

the pianist Bill Evans, Django Reinhardt and very few others, Tom Harrell is a color-neutral white jazzman. Recording recently with some of the finest black trumpet players of the day, according to the producer, "they all deferred to him." Alto whiz Phil Woods, with wbom he tains repelled a bright after-

contrast to his fragile persona. When he says "I want to put myself on the edge," you won-der just where that might be because he is already further out than most of us can imagine. One thing his musical and verbal personalities have in common is a sly, ironic sense of humor. Folklore has it that one time, checking into a two-room hotel suite, be said: "Gee. This is great. One for each of my

personalities." Thomas Strong Harrell was born in Urbana, Illinois, in 1946, and raised in Los Altos, California, near Stanford University, where his father taught doubles increasingly on the flu-

Like Chet Baker, Stan Getz, gelhorn, a more mellow cousin.) wife thinks I'm mad at her. I'm he pianist Bill Evans, Django He improvised immediately: afraid I alienate people somerules. That appeals to a kid."

Germain-des-Près; be was curity. That desire probably working downstairs in their inotivates a lot of artists."

Jazz club at night. Drawn cur
He has worked and recorded worked for years, calls him "the finest jazz improviser today." noon sun. The room was small, room only for the bed, a chair His muscular, courageous and a table overflowing with and lucid playing is in dramatic yogurt jars, bananas, juice and muk conta lip salve and pill bottles. His daily Stelazine, a potent paraonly thing keeping him out of an institution: "My composing and arranging proficiency picked up considerably when I started taking Stelazine. But I think it depletes my vitamins. I measure my protein intake carefully."

> punctuated monotone. Finding words takes time. There is nothing retarded about it, on the contrary. He is a Samuel Beckett in a Snoop Doggy Dog world. He even looks a bit like Beckett. But he gets red in the face, frustrated, angry at him-

Kitty

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"There didn't seem to be any how. When I first played in an rules. That appeals to a kid." ensemble I felt that the stu-We were talking in his room dents were making fun of me. in the La Villa botel in Saint-So I tried to overcome my inse-

He has worked and recorded with Horace Silver, Charlie Haden, Joe Lovano, Carla Bley, Phil Woods and the big bands of Lionel Hampton, Woody Herman and the Daneven went out on the road with Stan Kenton for a spell. Now noia medicine, is about the he is in the process of investing in his own band playing his own music:

> "Being a bandleader takes away from your concentration. You worry about tempos, what to play next and how to present the music to the people. It's bard to stay focused. The E speaks in a silence- goal is to be totally in the moment. It's easy to fall into what Alan Watts called a split

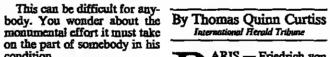
> > This can be difficult for anymonumental effort it must take on the part of somebody in his

"Maybe this isn't healthy,"
He lowered his head, raised he laughed, "but sometimes it's his eyebrows and smiled rue- easier for me to get into the fully: "I guess I have a tenden- music when I'm feeling decy to sound angry when I talk. pressed. I guess it's easier to be If I speak in a low voice my humble then."

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ARIS — Friedrich von Schiller's "Kabale und Liebe" made its debut in 1784, but its message resonates today: A more humane justice must guide hu-

Schiller adopted a direct, warning revolutionary attitude in "Kabale und Liebe," (presented in Paris as "Intrigue et

daughter, falls in love with Ferdinand, the son of a President Walter. Father Miller disapproves as does the president, who hopes to marry his son to a duchess. The scheming of the ruling class causes the death of

Schiller at Comédie Française

television, opera, theater and cinema is making his initial performance at the Comédie Francaise and in addition he has translated the original. His mise-en-scène has fine finish.

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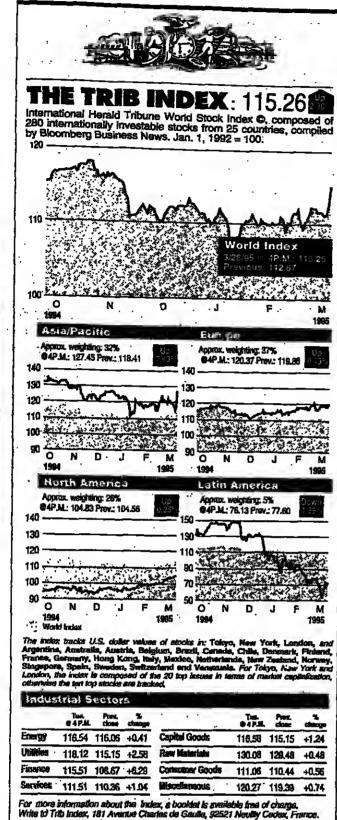
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## Dollar **Pummels** The DAX

#### **Currency Menaces** German Exports

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposches FRANKFURT - The leading German stock index fell to an 18-month low on Tuesday as large foreign investors sold shares amid concern that the weak U.S. dollar would reduce earnings for exporters.

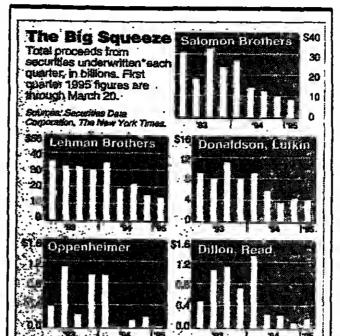
"The dollar is very serious for automakers and machinery makers," said Yuval Lapide, an institutional derivatives salesman at ABN-AMRO Bank Deutschland. "The U.S. is their main market, but they don't have a footbold there to produce."

The DAX index plummeted 35.93 points, closing at 1,910.96, down 1.85 percent from the final tally on Monday. The index's last fall to the 1,910 level came on Sept. 30, 1993, when it closed at 1,909.97. The index has lost about 10 percent since the beginning of March.

All but one of the 30 compa-nies in the DAX fell Tuesday. The exception was the machincry concern Deutsche Babcock AG, which rose 2 Dentsche marks (\$1.25), to 157 DM. Earlier this month, the company announced earnings well above

Among stocks leading the de-cline were Deutsche Bank, which fell 14.7 DM, to 647 DM; Daimler-Benz AG, which slid 14.5 DM, to 607 DM; and Mannesmann AG, the plant and ma-chinery concern, which fell 17.6 DM, to 355.20 DM. All were innt by dollar-related concerns.

"Foreigners are just getting out of there," said Ed Strauss, a trader at Bayerische Vereinsbank AG in Munich. The dollar closed in Frankfort at 1.4005 DM, down from 1.4058 in New York on Monday. In the past three months, the dollar has lost over 9 percent against the mark.
(Bloomberg, AFP)



## A 'Big Squeeze' Holds Wall Street **Up for Plucking**

By Peter Truell and Stephanie Strom New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Such is the turmoil on Wall Street that a Dutch bank whose name looks like a verb suffix may end up controlling two of its most venerable firms.

After one of the industry's worst years, many brokerage companies are being squeezed by declining revenue and their efforts to adjust, or just to survive, could reshape much of Wall Street in the months ahead.

Several firms are starting to feel they may need outside partners, extra equity capital and perhaps even an outright buyer. The company that many in the industry expect to be sold soon is Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp., a premier research firm that also has strong trading and underwriting businesses. Insiders say there is also a likelihood of major changes in

ownership and capital structure at such other well-known firms as Oppenheimer & Co., Dillon, Read & Co. and perhaps Lehman Brothers Inc. and even mighty Salomon Inc. itself. "The big squeeze is coming," the chief executive of Salo-

mon Brothers Inc., the Salomon brokerage unit, Deryck C. Manghan, frequently tells his colleagues. To which one of

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## New Sony President Aims At U.S. Info Highway

By Steven Brull International Herald Trabane

TOKYO — The incoming president of Sony Corp. said Tuesday that the long-term future of the company that invented the Walkman and spearheaded Japan's move into Hollywood would hinge on entering the communications husiness, distributing entertainment program-ming via cable television and satellites. Nohuyuki Idei also made clear that these husi-

ness opportunities lay primarily in the United States, not Japan, where regulations have stifled the spread of cable and satellite channels as well as the technological innovation needed to turn them into new husinesses.

"My dream is to fill a gap between content creation and content consumption," said Mr. Idei. outlining his vision in his first interview since being named as Sony's president last week. "In the

long range, the big opportunities lie here."
His comments provided the clearest confirmation yet that the strategie agenda of Japan's consumer-electronics industry is being determined by events in the United States rather than Japan.
Mr. Idei, who will assume his new post next month hinted that Sony might some past of its month, hinted that Sony might swap part of its

loss-ridden Hollywood operations, Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc., to gain a foothold in cable TV operations in the United States. "Having Hollywood with the Sony Group has a

long as it maintained managerial control. Over the past year, Sony has ventured into the business of distributing entertainment software. ips, but they are also teams playing the same

Warner Inc.'s 50 percent stake in SW Networks, a U.S. syndicator of radio programming.

munications companies.

to develop TV set-top boxes that will bring a range of multimedia services into the home, and it has begun a service that helps Japanese companies set up pages on the Internet's World Wide Web. But the major business prospects created by

the merger of computers and telecommunications will not be pioneered in Japan. "The oppor-tunity will come first in the U.S.," Mr. Idei said.

"America is about 10 years ahead of Japan."

The strategic importance of the United States helps to explain why Mr. Idei, 57, was able to leapfrog over two managerial ranks to become Sony's next president, replacing Norio Ohga, 65. who will become chairman. He will he the first nonengineer to lead Sony.

He takes over during a period of financial and

technological turmoil.
In November, Sony Pictures took \$3.2 billion in write-offs and losses after a series of box-office flops and managerial excesses. Shortly thereafter. Akio Morita, Sony's co-founder and leading visionary, retired because of health reasons. Margins on Sony's core consumer electronics business also are being pressured by the strong yen and competition from low-cost Asian competitors.

Last year, the company underwent a sweeping reorganization designed to increase the independence of its operating units.

More wrenching changes may be in store as the spread of digital technology blurs the lines very important meaning for us." he said. "But how between consumer electronics and computers to manage it is another matter," he added, indicaling Sony's strategic interests could be served as group of mainly U.S. computer and telecom-

"Today our competitors are Panasonic or Phil-Earlier this month, it hought out partner Time game on the same field," Mr. Idei said. "In future, we have to face different competitors, like Compaq, Dell Computer and Apple Computer."

In January, it joined four other record compa-nies in huying a 50 percent stake in Channel V the intelligence in its consumer-electronics prod-Sony would compete, he said, hy increasing from STAR TV, the Asian regional satellite ucts, which, unlike personal computers, have broadcaster. It also tied up with Microsoft Corp., traditionally been passive devices.

## **Police Question French Executive**

PARIS - The deputy chairman of Compagnie Générale des Eaux, France's water-treatment and construction concern, was interrogated by police Tuesday regarding false-billing allegations against the company.

Jean-Dominique Deschamps, the deputy chairman, groups linked to France's Com-

trate for questioning, said a po-Eaux spokesman confirmed be held in detention.
that Mr. Deschamps was questioned but refused to give fur-

ther details. The magistrate was investigating allegations regarding payments to two research

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## IBM's New Digital Religion

By Steve Lohr New York Times Service

EW YORK - The Vatican Library was founded in 1451 by Pope Nich-olas V. It houses 1.5 million books and 150,000 manuscripts, including the oldest known manuscript of the Bible, and is visited by only 2,000 scholars a year. But International Business Machines

Corp., as part of a new business push an-nounced Monday, intends to help the Vatican open its archives to the computing masses.

"All these wonderful books are only of use if they're read," said the Rev. Leonard Boyle, prefect of the Vatican Library. He said the IBM project would put the library's manuscripts and texts in digital form as a way of broadening the library's reach.

IBM, meanwhile, intends to expand into a field of information technology that focuses mainly on large corporations, universities and

cultural institutions.

The technology initiative, called the IBM Digital Library, is the company's effort to carve out a profitable niche on the so-called information highway.

IBM's approach with this move appears to be focused on specific, near-term ventures instead of concentrations like movies-on-de-

instead of opportunities like movies-on-de-mand, which could be a huge business but only years from now. "This isn't a vision," said Steven A. Mills, general manager of IBM's software solutions division. "These software tools are all available now."

At a press conference at the New York

Public Library, company executives discussed a series of projects aheady under way to help companies and institutions transform text, art, films and music into digital form.

The projects include ones with the Vatican, the Los Angeles City Public Library, Indiana University and Telstar Holdings, a British company that markets copyrighted music. Some of the Vatican manuscripts are likely to be available on the Internet, the worldwide computer network, and IBM is also working

on software that offers copyright protection. Hank Leingang, chief information officer of Viacom Inc., says IBM seems to be taking a sensible, step-by-step approach to software for the information highway. "The speed at which the business units move toward the ultimate solution — being fully digitized will depend not only on what is technologically possible, but also what is commercially viable," he said.

With its software initiative, IBM is presenting itself as a company that offers all the tools for digitizing an information husiness: storage, data-base searching, rights management and distribution. But analysts say IBM must be careful to make sure each of its software tools works with industry-standard hardware

and software, especially personal computers.

In the past, IBM has been hurt by trying to sell its proprietary software, even when lowercost afternatives that run on personal computers were available. IBM executives insisted that the company would not make that

mistake this time.

"We're committed to delivering these solutions on any platform, from PCs to mainframes," Mr. Mills said.

#### The Limited To Spin Off Clothes Units

Compiled by Our Staff From Despender COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Limited Inc., seeking to revive a sagging share price, plans to spin off a portion of its lingerie and women's apparel husiness-

es, the company said Tuesday.
One of the new companies would include The Limited's successful lingerie and fregrance operations, such as Vic-toria's Secret. The other would include its lagging women's ap-parel chains, such as Express and Limited. The Limited would retain its men's clothing stores, including Structure and Abertrombie & Fitch Co.

The move is aimed at getting share prices that better reflect the impressive gains at The Limited's lingerie, personal-care and men's apparel businesses. For the past three years, its stock has been held down by disappointing sales at the women's apparel business, which ac-

count for 60 percent of sales. Wall Street welcomed the news and Limited share prices rose \$1.75 in late New York trading, to \$21,375.

The retailer may also sell a majority interest in its credit card business, World Financial Network/Limited Credit Services, it said. (Bloomberg, AP)

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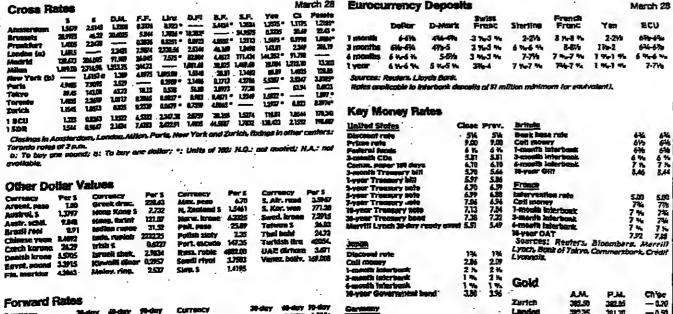
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#### Teledyne Announces It Is For Sale

LOS ANGELES (Bloomberg) - Teledyne Inc. said Tuesday it was putting itself up for sale, in a move that could obstruct WHX Corp.'s hostile attempt to take over the company.

The conglomerate, which makes a broad collection of products

ranging from the Water Pik tooth-cleaning device to aircraft engines, said it was responding to "expressions of interest from third parties other than WHX Corp."

The decision to invite other bidders sent the company's stock up \$3,875, to \$26,625 Teledyne said it was providing WHX the opportunity to participate in the process on the same basis as any other bidder. Last

year, Teledyne rejected a \$22-a-share bid from WHX. • Marley PLC, a British plastic, concrete and clay products maker, said Tuesday it agreed to pay \$140 million in cash for Syroco Inc.,

• Tele-Communications Inc. has said it was no longer interested in buying Time Warner Inc.'s 19.4 percent stake in Turner Broad-

a U.S. plastic furniture maker, to increase its plastic-and-resin-

casting System Inc. • Chrysler Corp. said Monday it would replace the rear door latches of all the minivans it built between 1984 through 1994, up to 4.5 million vehicles in North America, in a move calculated to salvage the company's image for safety-consciousness, rather than to fix an actual defect.

 Delta Air Lines said it expected its costs to be reduced by \$1.2 billion in the year to June, with staff levels down by 10,000, in line with last year's objectives. The airline expects to return to breake-AFX. AP, NYT. Bloomberg

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# Green Light for Brazil's Carmakers

By James Brooke New York Times Service

SAO PAULO - Aiming to make Brazil a leading world car manufacturer by the end of the decade, the four biggest car makers in Brazil are doubling their investment, and new companies are planning to start assembly lines in this country.

In rapid succession over the last few weeks, Ford Motor Co. announced a 52 billion investment; General Motors Corp., a 52 billion expansion, and Volkswagen AG, \$3 billion. Fiat SpA said it intended to invest \$1 billion in Brazil and \$600 million in Argentina. Fiat's operation in Brazil is the Italian company's largest and most profitable.

We are making investments far in excess of what we have ever done here," said Gurminder Bedi, president of Ford's Argentina and Brazil divisions. "In developed countries, automobile markets grow by 2 percent a year. Here, it could easily grow by 5 to 7 percent."

After sharply increasing vehicle produc-tion since 1990 — to 1,583,000 last year from 915,000 - Brazil intends to double. production again by the year 2000. Sur-passing Italy in 1993 and the former republics of the Soviet Union in 1994, Brazil

expects this year to overtake Britain. Its boom is part of a larger shift of car manufacturing to third world countries

Automakers scramble for market share in Asia, Page 15.

with cheaper labor costs. In general, auto production stagnated in the last decade in the world's four largest car-making countries - the United States, Japan, Germany and France. In the same period, it doubled in India, tripled in Mexico, quadrupled in China and increased eightfold in South

The Koreans built their industry by nurturing national companies behind high tar-iff walls that blocked virtually all auto imports. Brazil encouraged multinational

since 1990, Brazil has dropped import bans, forcing manufacturers to upgrade their assembly lines to successfully compete with the rest of the world.

As investments pour into Brazil's automobile industry, centered in the industrial belt around São Paulo, Brazilian-made cars are expected to win more international acceptance. Last year, about a quarter of the cars made in Brazil were exported.

For the moment, though, car makers are scrambling to keep up with domestic demand. Brazil is enjoying its lowest infla-tion in a decade — about 1.5 percent monthly. From a monthly high of 50 percent last June, inflation has been driven down by a combination of a balanced budget and a shift to a new, dollar-linked

With consumer confidence soaring, Brazil's economy expanded last year by 5.7 percent, the highest rate in a decade.

## Stocks Get Nicked companies to set up manufacturing operations behind similar tariff barriers. But since 1990 Brazil has dropped improve

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks round of stock profit-taking. gave light ground on Tuesday as Treasury bonds and the dolthey doubted that the market's Asset Management. The marlar weakened, but traders said record-setting rally had run out

The market came under further pressure as the Federal Re-

#### U.S. Stocks

serve Board's policymaking Federal Open Market Committee convened for a meeting, even though few analysts expected a change in interest-rate policy to emerge from the meeting. When it was over, the Fed said there would not be a policy

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 5.53 points lower, at 4,151.81, as gainers slightly outnumbers losing shares. Technology and retail issues allowed the market to regain ground lost early in the session.

The yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose to 7.38 percent from 7.32 percent on Monday after a report showed consumer confidence unexpectedly rose this month, prompting concern that infla-tion would accelerate.

"Today's higher confidence numbers were a surprise," said Hugh Johnson, chief myestment officer at First Albany. The expectation was a decline,

correction in bond prices and a "I don't sense we're at the top yet," said Joseph DeMarco, head of equity trading at HSBC ket shows an awful lot of resil-

iency. Everyone is expecting a puliback, but I just don't see that it's ready." The Nasdaq over-thecounter index broke ranks with the Big Board and rose 3.54 points, to a fourth consecutive

record of 826.17, buoyed by gains in technology stocks. Retailing stocks rallied after Limited Inc. announced plans to spin off stakes in several businesses as a way to revive its sagging share price. Limited surged 2½ to 22¼, Gap rose 1 to 33¾, Dayton-Hudson rose 1¼ to 72½

and Penney added 1% to 46. Meanwhile, a host of technology companies advanced amid continued confidence rising demand for their products will drive up earnings.

Micron Technology soared 4% to 84% after announcing a 2for-1 split and raising its dividend. Intel rose 1 to 88% and Texas Instruments increased

11/4 to 97%. But Apple Computer fell 2 (2) 13/16 to 34% after Salomon Brothers lowered its investment opinion to "underperform" from "hold." Other makers of personal computers also weak-

ened. IBM dropped 1/2 to 841/2. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AP)

## VW Runs With a Dark-Horse Ad Agency

By Stuart Elliott

ca has ended a four-month search for an agency to bandle its North American advertising by selecting the dark horse among four finalist agencies to handle the account, with billings estimated at \$90

million to \$110 million. Arnold Fortuna Lawner & Cabot, a fastgrowing Boston agency, that is well regarded in that city but relatively unknown else-where, beat out three far more familiar rivals: DDB Needham Worldwide in New

By Lawrence Malkin

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NEW YORK - With the U.S. econ-

omy sending uncertain signals whether

higher interest rates have done enough

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Board policymakers decided Tuesday

to stand pat and see what happens

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York, Deutsch Inc. in New York, and the Richards Group in Dallas. A fifth finalist, Martin/Williams Advertising in Minneapo-

Arnold Fortuna's first national automotive account catapults the agency into the ranks of "hot" shops, because of the prestige attached to car assignments.

The Volkswagen review began in early December with the dismissal of Berlin Cameron Doyle in New York, the Volkswagen agency since July 1993, which will end its work on the account on Friday and close, reopening on Monday as the New York office of Fallon McElligott.

Needham, which Advertising Age reported last week was "said to have the inside track." DDB Needham handles accounts for Volkswagen AG in 37 countries.

No one, it seemed, considered Arnold Fortuna — except for a committee of 15 Volkswagen executives and dealers.

Volkswagen becomes the largest account for Arnold Fortuna, which includes on its roster national name brands like Stanley and it's the excuse that led to a Works tools and Titleist golf products,

"The Fed didn't do anything," said prices. Because increased interest rates ready to cut production. The threat of Frank Conte, deputy chief currency take nine months or more to bite, suc- a stall tends to stay the Fed's hand, dealer at Royal Bank of Canada, cessfully steering such a course is like and during the month a number of Fed governors have hinted they are satis-

fied with the economy's course. Statistics are always more volatile early in the year because of the post-Christmas slackening and the vagaries of winter weather. This year as much as \$8 billion in income tax refunds may have been delayed in a govewnment campaign against widespread fraud.

Economists are looking to May for ducing goods flat out, which could the Fed's next move, or in July, if

#### Industry speculation had imitally cen-tered on Richards or Deutsch as the likely New York Times Service successor before coalescing behind DDB lis, withdrew earlier this month. NEW YORK - Volkswagen of Ameri-

Fed Stands Pat on Rates as Economy Sends Mixed Signals anouncing any action. It is to meet again on May 23.

> The dollar slipped against other major currencies amid expectations that the Fed would not raise interest rates. The dollar closed Tuesday in New York at 1,3890 Deutsche marks, down from a close on Monday at 1,4058 DM, and at 88.890 yen, down from 89.405.

during a particularly delicate passage Against other major currencies, the for the business cycle this spring. U.S. unit fell to 1.1462 Swiss francs on The Federal Open Market Commit-Tuesday from 1.1597 francs on Monday and to 4,8975 French francs from tee, which has pushed up interest rates in small steps during the past year, 4.9490 francs. The pound climbed to adjourned its regular meeting without \$1.6153 from \$1.5964.

"That was expected, and the expecta-tions triggered dollar selling."

The Fed's goal is to throttle the

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economy back from last year's growth rate of 4 percent to about 2.5 percent, keeping inflation around 3 percent in a difficult maneuver that economists call a "soft landing" because it avoids im-

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this was reflected in a slowdown in orders for durable goods last month. posing a recession to check rising leave them overstocked this spring and economic signals are still uncertain, WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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seeing around corners.

Increased interest rates have begun

to restrain consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of the U.S.

economy. Sales of antomobiles, homes

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## **One-Time Gains And Small Cars Benefit Renault**

rakis — Renault Sa, France's largest car and truck maker, said 1994 net profit more than tripled, aided primarily by one-time items and husers.

buoyant sales of small cars. Net profit surged to 3.64 billion French francs (\$733.0 million) in 1994 from 1.07 billion francs in 1993. Operating profit soared to 2.32 billion francs from 609 billion francs, while revenue rose 5.2 percent, to 178.5 billion francs.

The company, which said it expected further improvement this year, also said it would raise its dividend to 3.5 francs per share in 1994 from 2 francs in the previous year.

The carmaker's share price rose 2.70 francs, to 173.20

Alluding to recent strikes, Renault said industrial action since March 7 cost the company 200 million to 300 million nault plants, the executive said.

its books at the end of last year after working down a debt load that had stood at 7.85 billion francs at the end of the previous

But the earnings picture was Bayerische Motoren Werke affected by several one-time AG, Mercedes-Benz AG, gains and Renault Chairman Volkswagen AG and Adam Louis Schweitzer said that it Opel AG have all forecast profwould not happen this year.

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In 1994, results were buoyed by a one-time gain of 688 million francs that mostly stemmed from the partial sale of shares in Renault's former partner Volvo AB. Additionally, the company chalked up a tax gain of 219 million francs as well as solid results from a unit in Argentina.
"We still have Volvo shares,"

Mr. Schweitzer said, but Renault has not decided yet when to sell them. Renault, which held 20 percent of Volvo, has so far sold an 8 percent stake.

The company said that small-car sales had been boosted by overnment incentive plans in both France and Spain.

The strong earnings report highlighted a general return to herith for the European auto francs. About 35,000 fewer ve-industry. Analysts said the hicles had been produced at Re-It also said it had no debt on grow 10 percent this year. stage of a recovery and could

Renault was the only European carmaker in 1993 to make a profit at all. But carmakers throughout Europe are expected to return to profit in 1994,

its for 1994. (Bloomberg, AFP)

## Cost Controls Aid Ciba **Profit Grows 7% Despite Strong Franc**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BASEL - Ciba-Geigy AG, the Swiss pharmaceutical and chemical conglomerate, said Tuesday that its 1994 net profit rose by more than 7 percent as cost-cutting measures helped counter a strong Swiss franc and a

consequent drop in pharmaceutical sales.

The company said 1994 profit was 1.91 billion Swiss frames (\$1.64 billion), up from 1.78 billion francs in 1993. Ciba-Geigy also said it would increase dividend payments by 13 percent, to 17 francs per share, the company's fourth consecutive annual increase. Ciba-Geigy said it cut costs by about 881 million francs in 1994.

The company's registered shares rose 12 francs, to 752 francs, in Basel after the results.

Alex Kraner, Ciba-Geigy's chairman and chief executive, said the results confirmed that efforts to improve productivity and efficiency were paying off. "This achievement is all the more noteworthy given the difficult external operating conditions and the partial masking of the full extent of our success due to the strength of the Swiss frane," he said.

tween 2 percent and 12 percent against other major currencies. A strong franc makes export-oriented Ciba-Geigy's products expen-

sive in foreign markets.

Sales in 1994, when calculated in Swiss currency, reached 22.05 billion francs, down 2.6 percent from 1993. When figured in local, oational currencies, however, sales rose 4 percent. Operating profit in local currencies rose

40 percent last year.
Their profit rise is extraordinarily good. especially operating profit," said Birgit Kul-hoff, a pharmaceurical sector analyst at Union Bank of Switzerland.

Ciba-Geigy is the largest of the three Baselbased drug multinationals. The others are Sandoz AG and Roche Holding AG.

In a change of strategy, Sandoz announced last week that it planned to make its chemi-cals division independent, possibly with a view to selling it later. But Mr. Krauer said he saw no "compelling reason" for Ciba to acquire Sandoz' chemical business, adding that given intensifying pricing pressure and competition in the healthcare sector it was best to adopt a "prudent spreading of risk." (AP, Bloomberg)

## **Hoechst Gearing Up for Acquisition**

The Swiss franc surged by 13.75 percent

against the U.S. dollar last year, and by be-

FRANKFURT - Hoechst AG, the German chemicals and pharmaceuticals concern, said Tuesday it could finance a \$7.1 billion acquisition of the U.S. drug maker Marion Merrell Dow Inc. without issuing stock.

Hoechst has been oegotiating to buy Mar-ion Merrill Dow, which is 7! percent-owned by the U.S. conglomerate Dow Chemical Co., for more than six months.

Jürgen Dormann, Hoechst's chief executive, said the short-term costs of the acquisition - which he estimated would take at least 500 million Deutsche marks (\$314.4 million) out of 1995 net profit - were justified by

long-term earnings potential.

"Our vision, to be the leading chemical and pharmaceutical company worldwide, cannot be realized without a strong position in the U.S.A.," be said, adding that he expected the acquisition to take three more months to

Mr. Dormann said he also expected Hoechst's operating profit to grow by 15 percent in 1995 and its net profit to be "at least as good" as the 1.36 billion DM profit posted by the company in 1994.

Hoechst's shares fell 9,80 DM in Frankfurt, to close at 279.20 DM.

## **EU Pushed** For Quick **CL Ruling**

PARIS - Complaints to the European Commission about the French bailout of Credit Lyonnais have put pressure on the European Union's executive body to quickly rale on whether or not the rescue plan is anti-

The chief banking rivals of Credit Lyonnais, Societe Gen-érale SA and Banque Nationale de Paris SA, have sent a joint letter to the commission protesting against the plan.

The two banks claims the plan will cost French taxpayers about 7 billion francs (\$1.4 billioo) a year.

A spokesman for the European Commission's competition section, said the group bad re-ceived details of the plan from the French government and would discuss it April 12.

But he said the complaints had "added to the urgency of the inquiry."

Société Générale said Monday it might challenge the bailout plan in the European Court of Justice.

lo Paris, the Finance Ministry is facing questions and criti-cism from politicans.

Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery on Tuesday appeared before the finance committee of the National Assembly to present the bailout plan.

On Wednesday, he is to appear before a Senate committee to defend the program that takes 135 billion francs (\$27.28 billion) of the bank's loans off its books.

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 Deutsche Bank AG, Germany's largest bank, said it would pay an unchanged dividend for 1994 of 16.50 Deutsche marks (\$10.36) per share but would add a bonus dividend of 3 DM. The bank also said it would ask shareholders for the authority to raise capital by 100 million DM and that it had transferred 650 million DM (\$407.1 million) to reserves.

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 Dresdner Bank AG, Germany's second-largest bank, said it would pay an unchanged of 1994 payout of 13.50 DM. It also said it would transfer 397.1 billion DM to reserves in its consolidated accounts, less than the previous year's transfer of 481 million DM.

General Motors Europe will invest 257 million DM in its Hungarian operations in order to double production, according to Hungarian press reports.

• Volkswagen AG's Spanish unit SEAT has narrowed its loss to around 500 million DM in 1994 from 1.84 billion DM in 1993, sources close to the company said. • Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA said its 1994 net profit rose 4

percent, to 6.63 billion Belgian francs (\$227.64 million), largely because of contributions from minority holdings. • KLM Royal Dutch Airlines said it was weighing a takeover of the travel services company Holland International with the majority

shareholder, Kanfhof Holding AG of Germany, which currently holds 91 percent, KLM now holds 9 percent.

• SNIA SpA, a Fiat SpA bolding company for chemicals and biomedical units, said profit surged in 1994 to 34.1 billion lire (\$19.89 million) from 1.7 billion lire the year before. Zeitung said on Tuesday, Reu-Deutsche Teiekom would not Lindt & Springli AG, the Swiss chocolate maker that marked its

comment the newspaper report. 150th anniversary recently by sending a package of chocolates to every household in Switzerland, said profit fell 4 percent in 1994, to 38.1 million Swiss francs (\$32.73 million), and cited the effects Deutsche Telekom's superviof the sharp rise of the franc against other currencies.

• Elf Aquitaine, the French oil company, said it had agreed to pay the Republic of Congo's government \$50 million to buy its 25 percent stake in Elf Congo, leaving Elf Aquitaine sole owner.

Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. said 1994 pretax profit fell 33 percent, to £349.5 million (\$557.98 million), reflect-ing fewer sales of major assets.

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#### Leeds-Halifax Merger Sealed

LONDON - Britain's High Court on Tuesday approved the proposed merg-er of Halifax Building Socicty and Leeds Permanent Building Society.

Analysts said the ruling paved the way for other mortgage lenders to merge and trade publicly. The merged company would be the No. 3 British bank with

## **EU Hints German Plan Could Ease Atlas Approval**

By Tom Buerkle atonal Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - The European Commission welcomed Germany's plan to deregulate its telecommunications market and said Tuesday that the proposal could help win regulatory approval of Deutsche Telekom AG's planned joint venture with France Telecom SA.

On Monday, Wolfgang telecommunications minister, said the government would

bile telephone companies to about the country's telephone barriers to foreign investment build and to operate their own networks before 1998.

"This is something certainly which goes in the right direc-liances was that "at least in tion," said Karel van Miert, the parallel, there should be enough Such steps would be aimed at European Union competition commissioner.

Asked whether the move approval of Deutsche Teletelecommunications minister, joint venture with France Telesaid the government would com, Mr. van Miert added, grant licenses to all competitors "There is some link I think."

when Germany opens its telephone market in 1998. He also sion officials would have talks the EU trade commissioner, said Germany would allow mowith French officials soon said he was prepared to remove Mr. van Miert said commis-sion officials would have talks the EU trade commissioner. liberalization. He said the com- in EU phone companies if the mission's requirement for ap-proving telecommunications al-on its promise to do the same. opening up so that proper com-petition can be organized." reaching a global accord on telecommunications liberaliza-

The United States also has tioo in the World Trade Organiwould help win Commission indicated Germany and France zation next year, he said. must step up the pace of liberalof Sprint Corp. by Deutsche
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sory board is expected to vote on Mr. Sommer's nomination at a meeting on Wednesday, the paper said.

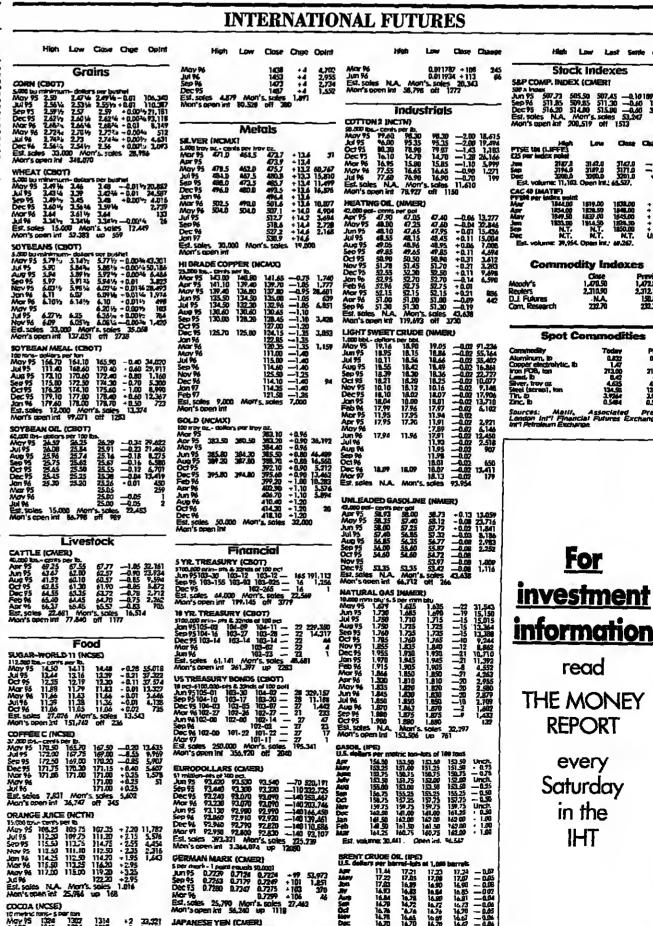
The chairman's seat has been vacant since Helmut Ricke resigned at the end of last year.



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# Hopes for Lower Rates Spur Markets in Tokyo

TOKYO -- Growing hopes for an interestrate reduction galvanized Japan's financial markets on Tuesday as the Nikkei stock index jumped 3.6 percent, bond prices soared and the main three-month market interest rate fell to a

Traders and analysts said it appeared almost certain the central bank would cut its key interest rate to curb appreciation of the yen and boost the sluggish economy.

The focus has now shifted to when and how

much the Bank of Japan will lower the discount rate," said Daisuke Pujisawa, assistant manager would occur this week.

Speculation about a cut in official interest rates was spurred Monday when Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura said Japan would follow a "flexible monetary policy" to cope with the strong yen and slumping stock prices.

The discount rate - the rate at which the central bank makes overnight loans to commer-cial banks — stands at 1.75 percent, unchanged since September 1993. Mr. Takemura denied that his comments were

intended as a public appeal to the central bank. "An interest rate cut is a matter to be decided by the Bank of Japan," he said. The Nikkei Stock Average jumped 585.48 points, to 16,681.73, while the price of the bench-

mark No. 174 10-year government bond rose to 106.24 from 105.11, pushing its yield down to 3.71 percent from 3.86 percent. Closely watched 1,700. It receives 34 percent of its revenues from three-month certificates of deposit were issued at a record low rate of 1.95 percent, down sharply from Monday's 2.10 percent.

The rally in the Tokyo stock market was helped by news reports that Bank of Tokyo and Mitsubishi Bank would merge to form the world's largest commercial bank.

"That would be good news for a troubled industry," said Joji Maki, fund manager at Nikko Securities Investment Trust & Management

Gains in banking and brokerage stocks fueled the market's advance. Many traders expect a 0.5 percentage point cut

in the discount rate early in the new fiscal year, The market has completely factored in a discount rate cut," said Yoichi Muto, a dealer with Yasuda Trust & Banking Co.

Business leaders have been urging a discount rate cut as a way to halt appreciation of the yen, which threatens Japanese exporters. The dollar fell to a record low of 88.20 yen in New York last Thursday. On Tuesday, the dollar closed at 89.45 yen in Tokyo, up from 88.65 on Monday.

"It may not happen today, but everyone is expecting lower rates," said Kazuma Yoshimura, a trader at Nikko Securities Ltd. "The dollar's revival above 89 yen is also good oews."

Shares in companies that rely on export sales rose with the dollar. Toshiba Corp., which gets 27 percent of its revenue abroad, climbed 13 yen, to 581. Sony Corp., which earns 69 percent of its revenue abroad, climbed 80 yen, to 4,380. Stock in Toyota Motor Corp. advanced 40 yen, to sales abroad.

(Bloomberg, Renters)

## Affiliates Weigh on 3 Japan Banks

TOKYO - Three medium-sized banks in western Japan — Bank of Osaka Ltd., Fukutoku Bank Ltd. and Hanwa Bank Ltd. - predicted Tuesday they would post losses for the current financial year after disposing of bad loans incurred by conbank affiliates.

"They've all clearly been brought back to earth with a jolt," said Mark Faulkner, an analyst at S. G. Warburg. "They've cut their dividends, and they're recognizing substantial losses which they were hoping not to disclose."

Analysts said the recognition by the banks that nonbank affiliates have been a drag on overall profitability may be positive for them.

"The outlook for these banks has been very negative because it's been assumed that they would have to rehabilitate their ailing nonbanks over a prolonged period of time," said Linda Daquil, an analyst at Lehman Brothers.

After writing off bad loans, the banks may be able to turn a profit as early as next financial year, Ms. Daquil said. But at the banks, only Hanwa executives were that optimistic. They predicted any dividend for the six-month period ending on current, operating and net profit next year.

One reason the regional banks may have been forced to report these losses oow, Mr. Faulkner said, is the recent weakness in Japanese stock prices. Since the earthquake in Kobe in January, Japan's benchmark Nikkei index has dropped more than 10 percent, although its strong rise on Tuesday recouped some of the earlier losses. The weak market means the banks could oot sell securities that had advanced in price to offset the charges for the nonbank affiliates.

Bank of Osaka said it would report 30 billion yea (\$338.4 million) in current losses for the financial year as a result of writing off bad loans incurred by its three combank affiliates. It said it would liquidate the affiliates and would cut its dividend to 1.50 yen from 3 yen,

Fukntoku Bank forecast a loss of 8 billion yen and said it would liquidate six affiliates and cut its dividend in half, to 1.50 year.

Hanwa Bank said it would report 5.90 billion yen in current losses for the year and would dispose of comperforming loans incurred by its two nonbank affiliates. It said it would not pay

## Sega Leads Switch In Japan's Tactics On Chinese Piracy

TOKYO - In Beijing early this month, Chinese of ficials and executives from Sega Eoterprises Ltd. walked into a cavernous, nondescript building and found what they were looking for: counterfeit Sega vid-

co-game players.
The raid, one of seven in the Chinese eapital by agents of China's State Administration for Industry and Commerce on the morning of March 9, signaled the beginning of an active role for Japanese companies in what has been mainly an American-led fight against piracy in China.

"We sent them a message that we're not just sitting back and watching," said Kiiehi Nishikura, Sega's general counsel. "It was a good day's work."

Sega's raids came shortly after Washington and Beijing signed an agreement on copyright protection.

In its agreement with the United States, China promised measures to clamp down on piracy, such as creating special task forces with powers to raid and arrest counterfeiters. Now the Japanese, whose electronics makers have suf-

fered for years at the hands of Chinese counterfeiters, are stirring. The head of Japan's Pat-ent Office called for im-

proved intellectual-property protection at a meeting with Chinese patent officials in Beijing this week. He carried a list, compiled by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, of Chinese patent violations reported by Japanese com-

panies in the last year, a ministry official said. The list included video games, motorcycles, cassette tapes, watches and even zip fasteners that Japanese makers say have been copied.

"Sega is leading the way in the Japanese fight against copyright violations," said

Clifford Borg-Marks, a China law consultant at the Hong Kong office of Baker & McKenzie, a Chicagobased law firm.

Sega's sales in China and Hong Kong are about 1 bil-bon yen (\$11.3 million) a year, the company said. Sega said about 95 percent of Sega games sold in China and about half of those sold in Hong Kong were fakes.

This month's raids also uncovered a network of Russian traders in Beijing who smuggle fake goods bome. "There were actually two Russians in the building at the time," Mr. Nishikura said. "They didn't seem to know what was going on at first and just continued nego-

tiating their next shipment." The raids did oot produce any arrests, because the agents of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce do not have the power to detain suspects. The agency issues a warning that authorizes prosecution if violations are repeated.

An official of the trademark office of the administration in Reijing, who asked not to be named, said it was easy for foreign companies to get alleged trademark violations investigated.

They can go to the local branch of our administration, who will conduct an investigation and carry out punishments according to the law," the official said. "If the company thinks the punishment is oot strong enough, it can take criminal procedures in court, where the maximum sentence pos-sible is seven years in jail."

Mr. Borg-Marks, who has five years' experience of intellectual property cases in China, says the country deserves credit for its efforts to crack down on violators.

"China has done a lot in a short time, but you've got to expect it will take some time for an awareness of the meaning of copyright to sink

## **Beijing Lets** The People Be Surfers On Internet

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche. BELIING — The information superhighway will reach China next month, as the government officially opens the Internet to the public, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications said

The move, which theoretically grants 1.3 billion Chinese access to the vast web of computer networks, could have startling ramifications in a country in which access to information is strictly controlled.

In reality, only a tiny fraction of the population has enough money and equipment to access the Internet, but analysts say the potential oumber of users is significant: Sales of personal com-puters in China are surging, totaling nearly 300,000 last year.

The Xinhua news ageoey quoted the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications as saying the move would allow Chinese users "to enjoy all of the informatioo resources on the Internet.'

Until now, the lack of an Internet gateway in China meant the high cost of using the network restricted access to a few major educational institutions, the armed forces and some government ministries.

Universities were at the center of the political discontent that led to the 1989 pro-democ-racy movement, and oce obvions consequence of public In-ternet access would be the potential for political dissent to

Overseas Chinese scholars and students already use the network to send anti-government material, which will presumably be available to individual users on the mainland.

However, while there is technically oo way of restricting access to the octwork, one western analyst said the state monopoly on providing Internet service in China would enable the authooties to set prohibitive user fees.

Access to the Internet can only be made through the Chioa Public Packet Switching Data Network and the China Public Data and Digital Net-

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 Australia's antitrust regulator dropped its objections to the proposed merger between the oil companies Ampol Ltd. and Caltex Australia Ltd. allowing the stalled 3.1 billico Australian dollar (\$2.25 billion) plan to proceed.

 Japan's Fair Trade Commission has ordered Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Mitsubishi Electric Corp. and Sony Corp. to pay a total 84.23 million yen (\$942,000) in surcharges for rigging hids to make undue profits on public sports facilities.

 Japanese motor vehicle exports in February declined 1.6 percent from a year earlier, to 374,171 units, after a 23 percent drop in January, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association said.

 Henderson Land Development Co.'s first half profit jumped 62 percent, to 3.8 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$491.4 million), despite a slump in the Hong Kong property market, because of pre-sales of oew bousing units.

 Acer Inc. will issue a stock dividend of 4 Taiwan dollars (15 cents) per share for 1994; Taiwan's leading computer maker also plans to issue global depositary receipts.

 China Pacific Insurance Co. has paid \$160 millioo in compensatico to Asia-Pacific Communication Satellite Co. for an unsuccessful satellite launch in January, the insurer said.

 Taiwan and China are expected to have record indirect trade of \$20 billion this year, up from 1994's \$16.51 billion.

• China's electronics industry is expected to show 20 percent growth in output this year, compared with 1994, with production of 220 billico yuan (\$26.16 billion), the Ministry of Electronics Industry said. Exports were predicted to be about \$12 billion of that, the Xinhua news ageocy said, quoting the ministry.

 China is expected to import about the same cumber of vehicles in 1995 as it did last year, when imports were 281,421, according to Chen Ping, deputy general manager of the China Trading Center for Imported Vehicles. Mr. Chen the the number of cars will rise from the 34,638 ordered last year, reflecting demand from taxi companies and the private sector.

 Indonesia's gross domestic product jumped to 7.34 percent 1994 from 6.5 percent the previous year and is expected to continue increasing. Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg

# Carmakers Fight for Pieces of Asian Pie A Potentially Huge Middle Class Forces a Scramble for Deals

HONG KONG — The giant carmakers of Europe, the United States, Japan and South Korea have gone into top gear for what is becoming one of the

20th century As countries such as China and India open their doors to foreigners, boardrooms from Detroit to Scoul are waking up to the enormous potential of the world's fastest-growing ecocomic region.

great industry battles of the late

At least six foreign carmakers are already involved in jointventure or co-production agree-ments in China, which is expected to become a buge market for cars over the next 15 years. India's economie reforms launched in 1991 are also open-

ing its roads to foreign cars.
Asia offers more than just the future promise of the world's two most populous nations.

The phenomenal growth of South Korea, Taiwan, and the six countries that make up the Association of South East Asin Nations — Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singa-pore and Thailand — has meant skyrocketing demand for cars from a burgeoning middle class. Combined car sales in these eight countries are likely exceed 5 million units this year.

Japan has been the traditional supplier of small- and medium-sized passenger cars to the region. But now in China, for example, Volkswagen AG, PSA Paugeot Citroen SA, Renault and Chrysler Corp. have joined

battle with the Japanese. China's domestic motor-vehicle production is expected to reach 3 million units by 2000 and 6 million by 2010.

The big change in opening up the Chinese market came last May, when Beijing reversed de-cades of support for public transport and bicycles and said a capital-intensive family-car industry would become a pillar

of the economy. More than 20 global carmak ers came to a show in Beijing in November where they vied for the right to co-produce what the government dubbed the Family Car China, a robust inexpensive small car.

Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. launched aggressive bids, with Ford pledging to invest well over \$1 billion to make China its main Asian pro-

duction base. In Thailand, where 1995 sales are estimated to be double those made in 1991, Japan's

unit of General Motors, and Volvo AB of Sweden have recently made progress.

Sales of Japanese cars in

Thailand have dropped to about 71 percent of the market from 85 percent in 1992. Skoda Aptomobilova AS, the

Czech unit of Volkswagen, is expected to enter Thailand this ear and Chrysler will be the first American carmaker to start local production. Malaysia provides a contrast.

Car sales there are expected to rise 22 percent, to 190,000, this year, but the market is dominated by Proton, the so-called national car made by a joint venand Mitsubishi Motors Corp. of

110,505 cars last year, while the newly launched Perodua, made by a joint venture between of South UMW Holdings Bhd., the local of India. assembler of Toyota cars, and Merced

date and time to be announced to due time.

at about 16 percent for the oext five years, Japanese companies

> Carmakers have been flocking to the Philippines in anticipation of a surging market. New entrants to the market inelude Bayerisebe Motoren Werke AG of Germany, Volvo, Proton and Kia Motors Corp. of South Korea.

India also offers opportuni-ties for foreign carmakers, and a number are about to go into ture between the government production. This year is likely to see the

arrival of a string of new models in India, beginning with the Ciclo, to be made by a joint venture between Daewoo Corp. of South Korea and DCM Ltd. The Proton venture sold Mercedes-Benz AG, General

carmakers, led by Toyota Motor Co. of Japan, Motors, Peugeot, Ford, Daewoo tor Corp., are still dominant, but European companies such ported or assembled from imish unit of BMW, have signed up ported kits contributed the rest. with local companies to make In the Philippines, where car cars in India. Volkswagen and sales reached 58,000 last year Honda Motor Co. are also conand annual growth is projected sidering making cars in India.

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THE REPIABILITATION OF THE COASTAL HIGHWAY BETWEEN OBAYEH AND NAHR AL-MAQUT
As part of the Beirut Suburbs Project (Law 24693)

The Government of Lebanon, represented by the Ministry of Public Works and the Council for Devel Reconstruction (CDR), invites Contractors to tender for the execution of the works of the Rehabilitation of Highway between Disyets and Nahr El-Maout.

The Works will include the following main elements:

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The second envelope shall contain the financial offer and the priced Bill of Quantities.

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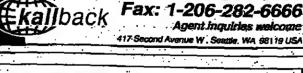
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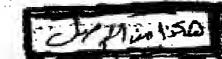
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Maybe it had to end this way. The financial follies of the last year — from phantom bond-trading profits at Kidder, Pea-body Group Inc. to derivatives-trading fiascos that bankrupted a California county and a Brit-ish hanking company ish banking company — bat-tered the reputations and bottom lines of some of Wall Street's proudest investment

Beyond those scandals, larger forces were pummeling Wall Street's profits. The sharp rise in interest rates last year contributed to the bond market's collapse and to a drop-off in the industry's underwriting business. In the retrenchment that followed, thousands of traders and executives were laid off and the survivors often saw their bonuses slashed.

Last week, Lehman Brothers Inc. had several billion dollars of its debt downgraded by Moody's Investors Service Inc., and there is speculation that other firms will soon meet similar fates. On Tuesday, Standard & Poor's Corp. put six securities firms on warning that their ratings outlooks were negative and said Lehman's remained in that

Category.
"Turbulent conditions con-"Inrolent conditions continue to plague the global capital and currency markets," S&P said, "exposing most of these firms to volatile trading results firms to volatile trading results might well fit the bill, staffers erating performance already depressed by reduced volumes and lower margins in core businesses." The firms affected were Bear Stearns Cos., CS
First Boston Group Inc., Golmdan Sachs Group L.P., Morgan
Stanley Group Inc., Paine Web-

ber Group and Salomon Inc. Competition on Wall Street promises to get more intense as the legal barriers crumble between commercial and investment banking. The prospect is leaving some firms feeling more vulnerable than ever - and is spurring them to scramble for

ways to get bigger and stronger. The biggest and most profitable securities houses, such as Merrill Lynch & Co., Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs are less affected by the tough business climate. But for the smaller firms, there are plenty of poten-

One acquisition-minded foreign company is Internationale comment on rumors. Nederlanden Groep NV, which rescued Britain's 233-year-old Barings PLC from collapse this month after a Barings trader was blamed for losing more than \$1 billion Detting on Japas nese stocks and bonds.

In buying Barings, ING acquired a 40 percent stake in Dillon, Read, and some people

a play for another firm, or both. For their own reasons, the owners of some investment houses are ready to sell. Insiders at Donaldson, Lufkin say the company has had informal discussions with commercial banks interested in buying into their company: the same is true their company; the same is true

at Oppenheimer. Wall Street's recent troubles are bound to make buyers cau-tious, however. So is the trou-bled recent history of Credit Suisse's foray onto Wall Street. In 1990, the giant Swiss bank acquired a majority stake in First Boston Corp., which it re-named CS First Boston. Altogether, it has pumped nearly \$800 million into its American unit, with lackluster results.

Nevertheless, 1995 is shaping up as a propitious year for big banking groups with lots of cash to make their move. "You're not getting consolidation, so much as survivors," says James P. Hanbury, an analyst who follows the brokerage industry for Wertheim Schroder & Co.

Here is a look at the prospects for five firms that could make news this year.

Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette would like to find a way of

"DLJ may trade because it's a hot firm, and it looks better than anything else out there," said a former Lehman Brothers partner who follows the brokerage industry.

That is partly because the firm has recently been more successful than most of its peers. It made \$205 million in pretax profit in 1994, when many competitors reported losses, comfortably outper-forming the average for the industry.

Its profitability makes this an attractive time for the firm's owner, Emitable Cos., to sell. Indeed, the brokerage house S.G. Warburg & Co. recently cited "the possible sale of DLJ in 1995 or 1996" as one reason for recommending Equitable stock to its clients.

A spokeswoman for Equitable said the company did not John S. Chalsty, Donaldson,

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colleagues that the firm, as an independent business, is earning good returns for its owners and has added that it is always nice to have strong capital backing DLI, which has equity capital, and net book value, of \$1 billion, would sell for be-tween 1.5 and 2 times that

amount, analysts estimated.

Oppenheimer Group has talked to ING about the possibility of being acquired by the Dutch financial conglomerate, according to people at both companies. Oppenbeimer's chairman, Stephen Robert, and its president, Nathan Gantcher - who together control some 40 percent of Oppenheimer, ac-cording to a company insider — are said to be interested in selfing their stakes.

They've built the business and now they want to cash out," prospective buyer would want currently owned by ING.

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gest financial businesses, is apparently eager to expand io speculate that it may wish to America's financial capital, not hold onto the stake or could least because it does so much even seek to acquire Dillon, trading in New York after European markets close. Oppen-heimer, with a sizable trading business, would fit that oced.

In addition, Oppenheimer has built a considerable Latin Barings, however, has delayed said.

any potential purchase of Oppenheimer, Wall Street analysts said wanted to maintain its in-

Dillon, Read, once one of the biggest investment bouses and still a strength in corporate finance, expects to buy back the said the insider, who assumes a 40 percent of its shares that are

speculate that its ambition for a bigger presence on Wall Street may lead it to bid for a bigger presence on Wall Street cettive, bas been reluctant to talk about the possibility of a contract.

Mr. Robert and Mr. Gantcher to stay on under a management to stay on under a mana ING, one of Europe's 10 big-gest financial businesses, is ap-U.S. markets, leading to some speculate that it may wish to

> ING also may offer the stake to other interested parties, de-spite Dillon, Read's stated desire to buy the bolding back. Dillon, Read insiders said they American equity research business that is particularly attractive to ING, which has assemted to rule out the possibilibled a vast network of ty that ING might turn around businesses in developing na- and buy their company. Its U.S. tions over the last decade, corporate finance focus would ING's recent acquisition of not be attractive to ING, they

dependence, faces several prob-lems: It needs capital to compete with the biggest companies in the industry, and it has had trouble with internal upheaval.
Also, Moody's last week downgraded the company's senior debt to Baa! from A3, pushing up its fmancing costs on several billion dollars of

debt by at least \$50 million a The rating agency cited con-cerns about the greater risks that Lehman might take to in-crease profits in these leaner times. Such concerns make other Wall Street firms vulnerable, some analysts said. "If you downgrade Lehman, yon've got to look at downgrading Salo-mon," said Mr. Hanbury of

Wertheim Schroder. A string of departures has company's research team, pre-viously one of its trophy assets.

Fred Fraenkel, head of LebUnioo Bank of Switzerland tor's ranking of the best re- was not for them. February.

many as one-fifth, according to ly has had egg all over its face. soon. He said be thought it bacle came after 1993's spectac-would succeed in its desire to ular \$827 million net income. remain independent.

also recently weakened the huge challenges because of the

man's equity research business. looked over Lebmao when took some of the blame for Leh-American Express Co. was man's slide to ninth place from seeking to sell the company, but second in Institutional Inves-decided that such a takeover

search firms; be left the firm in

Salomon suffered its worst
year ever in 1994 with losses of Many other analysts - as almost \$400 million and recent-

one estimate — have flown the The giant investment firm, coop in the last six months. Mr. New York's premier bond trad-Fraenkel, who just Furman Selz er, twice last month bad to ac-Inc. as head of that firm's equi-ty research, discounted the oo-totaling \$175 million related to tion that Lehman might be sold accounting mistakes. This de-

To be sure, Salomon, with "lovestment banking is a common equity of more than \$4 very cyclical business." Mr. billion, and with Warren E. Fraenkel said, meaning that Buffett bolding 20 percent of several brokerage houses — in- that amount, is not likely to be a cluding Lehman — now face takeover candidate.

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#### 1994 NET INCOME UP 23.4%

1994 consolidated net income of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton amounted to FF 6,421 million, an increase of 79.7% over 1993. It includes significant unusual income, primarily from the restructuring of the Group's relationship with Guinness PLC. Excluding these unusual items, net income totaled FF 3,667 million, up 23.4% over 1993.

Net sales for 1994 amounted to FF 27,967 million, up 17.4% over 1993. Income from operations totaled FF 6,804 million, up 21.2%, reflecting higher margins in all of the Group's segments of activities,

Consolidated highlights were os follows

In FF millions	1994	1993
Net soles .	27,967	23,819
Income from operations	6,804	5,614
Net income	6,421	3,574
Net income, excluding unusual items	3,667	2,972

The recovery begun in 1993 in most of LVMH's markets accelerated in 1994. It resulted in higher sales for the Group - which generates 85% of its sales outside of France - in all segments of activities and in all geographical markets, with particularly strong growth in the fourth quarter. This upward trend continued in January and February 1995.

By segment of activity, the major highlights of 1994 were:

#### By segment of activities

In FF millions	Soles		Income from operations	
in FF millions	1994	1993	1994	1993
Chompagne & wines	5,712	5,444	837	776
Cognoc & spirits	5,987	5,846	1,969	1,910
<ul> <li>Luggoge &amp; leather goods</li> </ul>	6,716	5,665	3,090	2,318
<ul> <li>Perfumes &amp; beauty products</li> </ul>	7,686	6,128	1,113	852
<ul> <li>Other, including holding company expenses</li> </ul>	1,866	736	(205)	(242)
LVMH TOTAL	27,967	23,819	6,804	5,614

Champagne & wines: Moët & Chandon, Veuve Clicquot, Ruinart, Mercier, Canard-Duchène The 8% increase in income from operations reflects higher sales as well as lower grape prices and

production costs. While the environment remains very competitive, the champagne market is recording an overall expansion.

Cognac & spirits: Hennessy, Hine, F.O.V.

The slight improvement in operating margin primarily reflects higher sales volumes, notably in China. Luggage & ieather goods: Louis Vuitton, Loewe, Berluti

The dramatic increase in sales and ongoing productivity gains at all levels of the organization led to e 33% rise in income from operations. The success of new product lines was confirmed. Perfumes & beauty products: Christian Dior, Guerlain, Givenchy, Kenzo, Christian Lacroix

The 31 % increase in income from operations, achieved despite considerably higher advertising and promotional expenditures, reflects the success of recent launches and the popularity of the segment's new products, notably Tendre Poison and Dior Svelte at Parfums Christian Dior, Fleur d'Interdit and Insensé Ultramarine at Parfums Givenchy, and Kashaya de Kenzo. The integration of Guerlain and Kenzo also contributed to the increase in sales.

Guinness PLC, in which LVMH is the largest shareholder with a 20% interest, recorded a 6% increase in net income.

In addition, a number of transactions completed during the year considerably enhanced the Group's financial structure. Total stockholders' equity rose by FF 11.6 billion to FF 35.3 billion at 1994 year end. Net financial borrowings declined from FF 15.8 billion at 1993 year end to FF 3.4 billion at 1994 year end. As a result, the Group's debt-to-total assets ratio stood at 5% at 1994 year end. As a result, net financial expense declined by 44% in 1994, and is expected to be cut in half in 1995.

In 1995, economic growth should continue in LVMH's major markets and the Group will pursue aggressively the implementation of its long-term growth strategy based on balance and complementarity among its various brands and ectivities. If the trends recorded since late 1993 persist, the LVMH Group should continue to record sustained growth in its activities and meet its goal of achieving a very significant increase in 1995 net income.

The Board of Directors will propose to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of June 8, 1995 the distribution of a FF 17.50 net dividend per share payable June 19, 1995.

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# France to Ease Advertising-Ban Law That Led to Many TV Sports Blackouts

By Daniel Tilles Special to the Herald Tribune

PARIS - The French Ministry of Youth and Sport is expected to announce, as early as Wednesday, that it will relax the law that now bars the telecasts of foreign sporting events from stadiums in which advertisements for French alcoholic drinks are displayed, officials said Tuesday.

They depicted the decision as the only practical course available. Retaining the ban, they said, would be both unpopular and politically unacceptable as well as financially harmful to French TV networks.

Details of the agreement were still being negotiated Tuesday by officials, advertisers and media representatives but could be

announced as early as Wednesday.

The government has asked for "good faith and moderation" in the part of the French producers of alcoholic drinks and the TV networks when they are showing foreign sporting events, one official said. But the government will no longer bar the showing of these advertisements during

televised matches The law also forbids broadcasting events where French tobacco companies advertise. Thus, while easing restrictions on advertisements for alcoholic drinks, the decision could open a loophole for French tobacco companies as well. Under the accord, cigarette companies, who face even tighter advertising limitations under French law, could attempt to place adver-

tisement in countries where such advertis-ing is permitted, such as Spain and Italy. and the English team Arsenal because it Allion-Marie, the Minister of Youth and to remove French advertisements from Sport, said it was unlikely because tobacco camera view. companies are already permitted to adver-

tise in televised auto races. Failure to reach a compromise could have ultimately resulted on a near-total ban on telecasts of foreign soccer, rugby ing in France for health reasons, continues and ice skating events, sports that have to be highly disruptive to French commerce. There are certain aspects which don't

At the very least, no one wanted to see a repetition of what occurred March 2, when the network TF1 felt forced at the last minute to cancel a telecast from Lon-favoritism the law permits foreign adverdon of the Cup Winners' Cup soccer tisers, since it makes no provision for bar-

While agreeing this was possible. Michèle could not persuade the stadium's owners

For its part, the government acknowldges that elements of the so-called law Evin, the 1991 legislation which set out to ban almost all tobacco and alcohol advertis-

take into account European considerations," said Alliot-Marie.

Especially aggrieving was the inherent

ring them. By contrast, TF1 was put under investigation by French regulators for al-legedly telecasting sports events from oth-er countries at which such French adver-

usements were displayed.

There was no problem showing Bailey's billboards during a recent European skating match from Birmingham, England," observed Olivier Fisch, an assistant director of operations at TF1.

The decision to repeal the ban seeks to resolve this discrepancy on a European level, while continuing the ban on alcohol advertising in French stadiums from which telecasts are made. One amendment to the law does otherwise permit alcohol advertisements in French stadiums.

Alain Grange Cabane, the director

general for the Union des Annonceurs, said some members of the French advertising trade's organization were opposed to the agreement, in part because of what they say is the questionable legality Maland

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of the law. Some lower courts have recently ruled that advertising in sports stadiums should not be considered television advertising because the fees have been paid to stadium owners and not the TV networks. Fligher courts have yet to rule on

Alliot-Marie said that "this is a rule which can permit waiting for more European Community-level guidance without penalizing viewers, all the while respecting the spirit of Evin.

## An American **Pulling Hard** To Save Oxford

By Ian Thomsen International Herald Tribune

LONDON — The 141st Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race will take place Cambridge Boat Race will take place Saturday for roughly 20 minutes and four choppy miles along the Thames. It is no exaggeration to say that three years of Jeremiah McLanahan's life will be invested in those 20 minutes. He is an American from New Canaan, Connecticut, a Yale graduate who came to Oxford three years ago to extend his career in rowing. But he has yet to row in this

"Unjustifiably, I thought," he said, but his eyes said more. Even when he smiled the eyes didn't furget. He came to study, for certain, but then he could have gone anywhere in study; he came to Oxford to row in the world's greatest

He said that his predecessor selected the team for the last twn races arbitrarily, picking personal favorites, wrecking morale, and the results bear that out. Oxford had won in all but one of the previous 17 years — until 1993 and 1994, however, when it was first upset and then beaten soundly by Cambridge.

"After the race last year there was obviously a lot of disappointment," McLanahan said. "I wanted to be sure that I even wanted to be involved again. If I was going to come back, I was going to come back and make a difference. I decided about a month after the race, and the election was three nr four days

He was elected president of the boat club. Nnt team captain; not just a leader of morale. As president, he gained more power than any amateur or college athlete in America. The first thing he did was to fire the coaches. Off with their heads. He fired them and then he looked for new ones to replace them. (At the same time he was trying tn complete final exams culminating a two-year study of Asian capitalism.) A committee wasn't made until the American visited are in the gym working out until classes the London home of Daniel Topolski, start at 9 or 10 A.M. Work on the river who had previously coached Oxford to a record 10 consecutive victories before quitting in 1987.

"He was very, very hungry to win and bungry to put a new organization to-gether," Topolski said. "He had rowed two years in the second boat, and he felt it wasn't sort of a fair policy. They may well have been choosing the best people, but going through the selection process, those people have to keep proving that they're the best, or else the others get



The four American members of the Oxford boat's crew - from left: Garth Rosengren, Laird Reed, Jeremiah McLanahan and Hugh Carroon — towering over teammate Abbie Chapman, who, at 4 feet, 10 inches, on Saturday will become one of the smallest people to compete ever in the ammai race against Cambridge.

upset. So he was eager to change that."

Topolski is the director of coaching, a consultant legend. The irony is that he left in 1987 following a mutiny by four American students. Now Topolski has returned to a team including four Americans. This year has brought a different sort of mutiny, and there is hope.

Cambridge is the huge favorite, with five internationals among its rowing eight. There are no internationals in the Oxford boat. It is essentially a club team. Its president gets up at 6:15 A.M. determined each day to prove that his place in the boat is earned. He lives in the drafty Oxford Boat House, a century begins at 2 P.M. for two more hours. with double sessions Saturdays and Sundays. He knows that the Cambridge boat probably cuts short training on bad days; that is his hope, based on two years of complacency viewed firsthand. His regime, the new one at Oxford, has missed only one day of training in what has been a terrible winter of rain and flooding. All of this for 20 minutes nn Saturday.

Ostensibly I'm a full-time student as officially challenged the Cambridge well," said McLanahan, whose thesis president, Richard Phelps, a Briton who this year is economic development in is 29 and a world bronze medalist. Indonesia. "I don't put up with a lnt Whereas McLanahan is the 25-year-old

At dinner he might stuff down a pound of pasta and another pound of meat in order to keep up weight. Last said. month a virus came through the team and knocked 15 pounds (7 kilograms) out of him in four days. The team's they now outweigh Cambridge by five wasn't langhing, study of Asian capitalism.) A committee old, overlooking the river. He tries not to sought out candidates, but the decision miss any school. He and his teammates usually wins.

Most races are two kilometers along he wouldn't have come back if that were tween their faces. "Should we both hold the case here — there wouldn't have it?" he asked. But McLanshan's hands been any hope. "What makes this race never budged from their military class different is it's a lot longer, a twisting behind him, jaw shaped like an imbed-Ily. If they go, you have to be ready to sure to win for the third straight year, go, whether you wanted to or not."

and another 15 on presidential duties, day afternoon, and he stood up and when I think things are going wrong benchwarmer. It was all a memorized bit Basically I've had to rip the guts out of tradition that the presidents repeat the club and rebuild it." every year. Then for publicity they went outside alongside the river.

Look at each other, a photographer

. The two presidents turned to face each other a few inches apart. Phelps giggled nervously but then he came unstrength has returned to the point that certainly to a stop because McLanahan

Let's get the trophy, another photograpber said.

So now Phelps was holding the trocourse with no lanes, and you can steer ded horseshoe, eyes articulating what he in front and take away the inside lane. wanted and how he was planning to get That's why you can never let the other it. If you didn't know about reputations, boat get ahead. If they fly, you have tn if you didn't know that the holders were poding. All of this for 20 minutes nn go, whether you wanted to or not."

You would have thought in the papers turrday.

Last month he brought his team to the next day that the Cambridge man Putney, where the race will begin Saturwas handing over the trophy.

# Surprises in the Offing

ONDON — In sport, always assuming the game is pure and the fixers have corrupted nothing hope can overcome experience. Two of Wednesday's 20 European Championship quali-

fying games might illustrate the point.

In Tel Aviv, Israel's team will take the field believing it can defeat France; in Tbilisi, Georgia will set out to unnerve and humble Germany.

Long shots? Maybe, maybe not. The Israelis, unbesten with the printing and the state of the s unbeaten with two victories two draws in 1996 qualifiers, are nothing like the lambs slaughtered, 4-0, in Tel Aviv by the French in February 1993. France, for all its arrogance, fell to Israel in Parc des Princes in Paris when the return leg of that World Cup qualification was played nine

months later Nine months for the birth of Israeli self-belief. Nine months for the roosters of France to be plucked and climinated from the World Cup because they underestimated what history teach-

es us never to underestimate in Is-Rob raelis: Fighting Hughes

spirit.
The score stood at 2 to 1 for France, the clock showed five minutes to qualification, and Israel netted once asked to leave their grass at the entrance.

to tie, once to win. It was the most embarrassing

The Welsh do not normally drink like Scots or French miscalculation imaginable.

Israel, after 16 years in soccer exile because Arab countries would not have it in Asian groups and Europe shunned the cost of security, never really knew how good or how bad it could be. "It was only after our integration into Europe"

in 1992 "that we realized bow to train and how to play with discipline," observed Rom Rosenthal, a former soldier from Maccabi Haifa and a wanderer through European clubs from Belgium to England. "The victory in Paris, even if it was lucky, reminded us of what we can do."

Resenthal on the subject of discipline? Interesting. Some of us saw the best of him at Liverpool, where, often as a substitute, he was thrown into a stalemate to use his speed and his great unorthodoxy to score often vital goals. Discipline? He seems to me to run with the

wind of sheer fantasy, to try what disciplined soccer players never try. He trusts intuition, and when it serves him well it is unforgettable. He had such a night a month ago when his latest club, Tottenham Hotspur, was losing by 2-0 in an FA Cup game in Southampton. On came the. Israeli, like a whippet from a trap.

In the SPACE of a few moments, Rosenthal progress thus far in the qualifying tournament. I had scored twice. In extra time, he scored Twice Germany took on Albania, a team that again and, though his teammates added quite sheds describes whenever it travels abroad. And

the ball from utterly illogical distances and an- Matthaus.

say it for him: that is the spirit of the Israeli, the (small) countries. We should send them money, Sabra whose very existence depends on never but please don't let them play for points." acknowledging the size of the opposition.

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But I have erred if I suggest that Rosenthal is the only facet of Israel's fortune, or that he is a talisman among mere support players. Ronen Harazi is, as the French know to their cost, is at least as potent a goal sniper. Team spirit is the key, right through to goalkeeper Boni Ginzburg, who performed stoically for two years with Glasgow Rangers, that most Protestant of clubs.

Religion, when it comes to sport, is a thing

called winning. And France, having dropped, probably for good, its captain Eric Cantona, might now provide a more disciplined resistance, but from somewhere has to find better finishing than its so far woeful tally of two goals in four

The Germans, of course, never lack for discipline. So why question their ability to travel to Georgia and take on the lightweight national team of the new state?

The reasons are not all sporting ones. Last. November, when the Welsh team arrived in Thihisi, its players were unnerved by the austerity, the deprivation, the danger that met them there. Welsh journalists sont home dispatches describing unlit streets, dark moods. A small band of Welsh fans, foolish enough to think of throwing their money at a blackjack table in a casino, were

Irish soccer followers. Yet members of the group swear that they met in the casino a character who brandished his firearm, left the soom for a few moments, and returned. Did they hear the shot? I have just sent a man to heaven, my friends,"

said the gunnan. No Welshman checked outside. None dured And what they lost in the casino their team lost on the field, where Georgia shot the defense to pieces with five goals.

MIKE SMITH, Wales's manager, confesses it was a soccer lesson. Those who recall the heyday of Georgian football, the stanning Thilisi side built around such beautiful talents as David Kipiani over a decade ago, can readily believe the skillful way Georgia outplayed Wales, and the threat to Germany on Wednesday. Temoliz Ketsbaia and Georgi Kinkladze each.

scored twice, Shota Arveladze got the fifth, and I swear I have not made up his first name.

Germany is not Wales. It has the best pedigree of any European nation that ever played the game. Yet even with its new captain, Jürgen Klinsmann, and his scoring partner Ulf Kirsten, there has been no more than a workmanlike.

superfluous goals to finish the match at 6-2, the twice the 2-1 scoreline flattered Germany, which ball was given to Rosenthal as a keepsake.

In the first game in Trana benefited from some He earned it. His hat-trick of goals was the refereeing, and in the second won in Kaisersläumost peculiar I have witnessed in that he struck term thanks to an early penalty from Lothar.

gles. He shot, as the saying goes, blind, like a man
buying raffle tickets and winning every time.

Rosenthal did not speak to us of discipline loses a match, may never live down the boast of that night, only of hope and the optimism to the national team's former chief, Franz Becken come onto the pitch and rescue lost causes. I will beuer. "Sure," he mused, "we should help these

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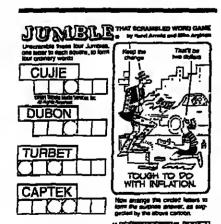
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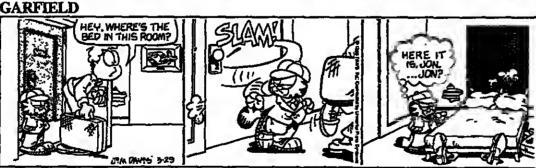
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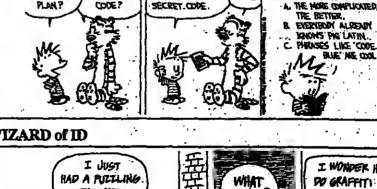
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**Mighty Mary Triumphs** To Tie Stars & Stripes

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SAN DIEGO - Team New Zealand, behind its astonishing 29-1 record, has secured a berth in the challenger finals of the America's Cup by beating Tag Hener Challenge, while Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes faced yet another chal-

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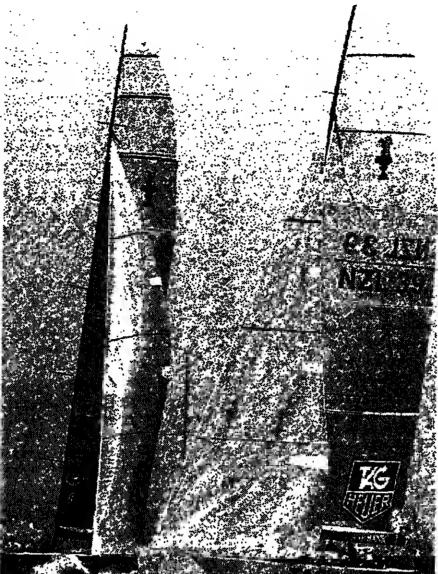
Team New Zealand jumped off the mark with an aggressive start Monday that took Black Magic 1 around the first huoy 51 seconds ahead of Tag Hener. Even a problem with the headstay didn't prevent it from winning by 1 minute. 28

oneAustralia forced Nippon over the line before the start and sped off to a victory of 1:10 that moved the Australians one point ahead of Chris Dickson's Tag Heuer in the Louis Vintton Cup standings with five races left.

On the defender course, the America syndicate's Mighty Mary ended Young America's unbeaten run in the semifinals with a 38-second victory and drew even with the damaged Stars & Stripes.

Conner's crew, meanwhile, was racing the clock to replace a fractured keel fin and repair serious hull damage in time for Tuesday's race against Mighty Mary.

"Having America' win a race today didn't help our cause," said Stars & Stripes' helmsman, Paul Cayard. He said the core would work straight through a second night on the repairs. Stars & Stripes took on water and dropped out of Sunday's race with Young America because of the damage, and Cayard said it was thought that the yacht was first dam-



aged by heavy swells during last Friday's victory over Mighty Mary. (Reuters, AP) Black Magic 1 (left) outmaneuvered Tag Hener Challenge and won easily.

## **Baseball's Owners Offer Concessions** Offer Follows Court-Set Friday Hearing on Labor Charges

NEW YORK - After a three-week lull, talks involving the owners of major league haseball and their striking players sprang to life just hours after a federal judge scheduled a hearing for Friday that could lead to the end of the strike.

Judge Sonia Sotomayor of U.S. District Court, who was assigned the case Monday, could issue a preliminary injunction that would end the 71/2-month strike hours before the season is set to start Sunday night

with replacement players.

A few hours after Sotomayor's 30-minute scheduling session, players and owners returned to the bargaining table for the first time since March 4, with management proposing to play the season under the old business rules.

"I would say to you after a lot of agonizing that this proposal is much less than the clubs hoped to achieve," the acting commissioner, Bud Selig, said. "But the clubs recognize that we are at the point in this dispute where both sides must swallow hard to make an agreement."

Under this proposal, starting next year the portions of payrolls above \$44 million, or 108 percent of the average, would be subject to a 50 percent luxury tax. The threshold where the tax would begin is \$3.3 million, or 8 percent more than the owners' previous proposal.

The owners, using many of the recommendations Feh. 7 made by the special mediator, Bill Usery Jr., also offered either to keep the current system of salary arbitration and free agency or to eliminate arbitration and lower the threshold for unrestricted free agency from six years to four. If arbitration is kept, they proposed having a panel of three arbitrators hear each case, instead of one.

In their last offer, owners wanted to eliminate arbitratioo in exchange for restricted free agency for those with four to eled the playing field." The board asked

six years of service.
"The economics are changing and getting more negative on a daily hasis." Selig said at a late-night news conference. "And that's why we strained to make this offer. But after the season starts, Sunday night, we can't any more calculate what's going to happen. So this offer has got to be accepted by this weekend."

The union's last proposal was for a 25 percent tax on portions of payrolls above 133 percent of the average.

Union officials did not hold a oews conference, and the head of the Players Association, Donald Fehr, said only, "I'll get back to Bud tomorrow.'

But some on the players' side indicated they were disappointed that Selig said during the meeting that the offer was as far as management could move. Others considered that just a normal hargaining posture.

At the courthouse in Manhattan earlier in the day, Sotomayor asked the owners for a hrief by Wednesday, "concentrating on whether the Sunday deadline is significant," and she asked the National Labor Relations Board for a response by the following day.

The players said they would end their strike if Sotomayor issued the injunction, and the union's executive board is scheduled to coovene Wedoesday in New York to formally pass a resolution statiog that.

Many owners are in favor of locking out players if the union ends the strike without an agreement. But it is unclear if they can get the 21 votes among the 28 teams needed to start a lockout.

Daniel Silverman, the New York regional director of the Labor Relations Board, asked Sotomayor to proceed quickly, hoping players would return if the judge "lev-

for a preliminary injunction that would force owners to restore the free agent bid-

ding and salary arbitration provisions of the expired labor agreement. Frank Casey and Chuck O'Connor, law-yers representing the owners, emphasized their view that an injunction would not

affect the strike, while urging the judge to take her time reaching a decision.

"Under federal labor law, what happens in this proceeding has nothing to do with the strike," Casey argued in court.

The owners, who want to eliminate the

old rules, say they have a right under labor law to have the Player Relations Committee, which represents all 28 clobs, negotiate

a collective wage for all free agents.
"We simply do not know what the government is talking about," Case, said. In a related matter, the union said it had filed a grievance last Friday with the arbi-trator George Nicolau, asking that all unsigned players be made free agents. Just 236 of the 1,069 players on 40-man rosters are signed.

In Washington, the Senate Judiciary Committee's chairman, Orrin G. Hatch, Republican of Utah, introduced another bill that would partially dismantle baseball'a antitrust exemption.

Under the bill, the exemption would remain in areas relating to the amateur draft and the minor league

The hill is co-sponsored by three Democratic senators, Daniel Moynihan of New York, Boh Graham of Florida and Pat Leahy of Vermont, and another Republican, Strom Thurmood of South Car-

Governor Parris Glendening signed a Maryland law that bars replacement players from taking the field at Oriole Park at Camden Yards, the Baltimore majorleague stadium.

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#### Japanese BOC Sailor Is Found Safe

PORT STANLEY, Falkland Islands (Renters) — Minoru Saito, the Japanese sailor in the BOC challenge with whom contact was lost 25 days earlier, has been sighted off the Falklands by a fishery patrol vessel, officials said Tuesday.

Although he had lost the use of his autopilot and cannot raise his main sail, they said, Saito intended to continue directly to Printa Este in Uruguay without stopping in the Falklands.

But Henry Mitchell, the 70-year-old English sailor, still had not been contacted. He was last heard from a month ago.

Sumo Coming to Vienna and Paris

TOKYO (AP) — A contingent of sumo wrestlers that will include the grand champions Takanohana and Akebono, kimonoed referees and the rest of the supporting cast will put oo exhibitions in Vienna and Paris in October, officials said Tuesday.

A "Grand Sumo Gala in Vienna" on Oct. 8 at the 4,000-seat Austria Center will be followed by an Oct. 13-15 tournament in Paris, the chairman of the Japan Sumo Association said.

#### For the Record

Paul Gascoigne, the English international and Lazio midfielder who hroke his leg a year ago, has been given approval by doctors to resume playing again in two weeks time. (Reuers) Claude Bez, the former president of the French soccer club Bordeaux, was sentenced to a year's imprisonment, with two more suspended, by an appeals court; at his embezzlement trial in January, Bez received a two-year jail sentence with one year

Alan Davies, the first Welsh coach to preside over five straight defeats, assistant Gareth Jenkins and team manager Rob Norster all resigned after a meeting with the Welsh Rugby Union's general John Muckler, the coach of the Buffalo Sabres, was suspended

for three games and fined \$10,000 by the NHL for allegedly slapping a fan following a March 19 loss to Tampa Bay. (AP)
Diame Modahl, the 800-meter runner expected to file an appeal

next month against a four-year ban for drug use, is expecting a baby in October, her husband, Vicente, said in London. (Reuters)
Monica Seles's psychologist, Jerry Russel May of Reno, Nevada, testified at her assailant's re-trial in Hamburg that the tennis player suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder.

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• Joe Falls in the Detroit News: "The reason ballplayers chew tobacco is to sweeten their breath."

## The Final 4: They've Been There Before

By J.A. Adande Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - If March is the maddening mooth of unpredictability in college

hasketball, April is assuredness. Sixty games have shaken all of the upstarts and dreamers and when the semifinals are played Saturday in Seattle they will feature a top seeded team in UCLA, two second seeds in Arkansas and North Carolina and a fourth seed in Oklahoma State that might seem surprising, but only if you forget that the Cowboys were the champions of the Big Eight tournament, a confer-

cnce that sent five teams into the NCAA playoffs. And Oklahoma State certain-ly has the historical credentials to gain admittance to the Final Four, as the semifinals are called, and which lately have largely been the domain of those with a royal lineage. For the third time in four years, all four participants have won at least

one previous championship. Last year was the exception, when only Duke had won the tournament before, but Arkansas joined the cluh and is back to defend its title along with a three other teams with well-established traditions.

UCLA owns 10 championship banners, North Carolina has won three and Oklahoma State won in 1945 and '46 before any of its current players - and many of their parents, for that matter - had been

The Cowboys' Eddie Sutton is the only coach to make the NCAA toornament at four schools, having gotten there be-fore with Creighton, Arkansas and Kentucky. And be is the Ilth coach to take two different schools to the Final Four, having made it in 1978 with Arkan-

"It's been a long while, and I've had some chances, but I wasn't sure the opportunity would ever come again." Sutton said after his team beat Massa-

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chusetts in the East Regional A tournament that was so ex-

citing the first weekend has grown less dramatic as it winds down. Twenty of the 48 games in the first two rounds were with nine settled by three points left to play in overtime, yet still or fewer and six going into wound up losing to North Car-

one going into overtime.
At least the Final Four will have Arkansas, the closest thing to a guaranteed nail-biter in this tournament. The Razorbacks (31-6) won their first three games by a total of eight points, and required two overtimes, before getting a relative hreather with a 68-61 victory over Virginia in the Midwest Regional

Ten of the previous 14 NCAA tournament champions woo a game by three points or fewer, or in overtime, before reaching the Final Four. But of the four recent champions who

dine in 1983. His team had a decided hy six points or fewer. six-point lead with 24 seconds

So maybe it was fortune tipwhen UCLA guard Typs Edney drove the length of the court to beat Missouri in the second round this year.

"A lot of the things are coming at once," said Harrick. "I the championship in the Louisi-hope that we aren't satisfied ana Superdome in 1982 and with what we achieved. We set goals for our team in the early part of the year and we've achieved almost every one of them. We still would like to go to Seattle and finish the play."

the way there, three wound up which has a legendary coach in Heels into 20 turnovers.

winning a game by three points its own record books in Henry or fewer in the Final Four. Iba. Iba, a man so respected Iba. Iba, a man so respected UCLA's coach, Jim Harrick, got an up-close look at that championship luck, or magic, when he was coaching Pepperto their two NCAA tournament

championships. Coach Dean Smith's North overtime. During the regionals, however, none of the games was closer than five points, with just around teams weren't around tle's Kingdome, but he is no ping back in Harrick's favor stranger to the Final Four -or domes, for that matter. This will be Smith's 10th Final Four, and his fourth appearance in the eight times the event has been held in a dome. He won ana Superdome in 1982 and

The Tar Heels (28-5) upset top seed Kentucky in the Southeast Regional final, but Nolan Richardson, the Arkansas coach, must be salivating Harrick's Bruins, the cham-like the hog in the Razorbacks pions of the West Regional, will logo at the thought of what his face the East Regional champi- team's defense can do after didn't have to sweat it out on oo Oklahoma State (27-9), Kentucky's press forced the Tar

## Marquette, Virginia Tech in NIT Final

NEW YORK - Anthony

Pieper has been up and down for his two seasons at Marquette, and Aaroo Hutchins had been down his whole freshman season until five games

The two were on their best ups Monday night, and it got the Golden Eagles past Penn State, 87-79, and into the NIT title game. The Golden Eagles (21-11) will play Virginia Tech, a 71-59

wiooer over Caoisius, oo Wednesday night. It will be their third championship game, their only title coming in 1970. Virginia Tech (24-10) beat Marquette, 57-54, in January in Milwankee.

pointers.

"Pieper is the picture of consistency, 24 one game, then two, then a great game like this," said Marquette's coach, Mike Deane. "We are a poor shooting team. If we were on a camel in the middle of the desert we couldn't hit sand except for

Hutchins, a 5-foot, 9-inch and is averaging 17.5 points per the 3-point line. game in the NIT.

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his career-best with 20 as the line making 10 of their first 23, Golden Eagles rallied from a finally started making foul 16-pont deficit and matched shots and went 8 of 10 in the their season-high with 15 3- final two minotes to close within 82-79 with 33 seconds left on two free throws by Danny Earl. But Pieper, Crawford and Faisal Abraham made 5 of 6 foul shots to ensure victory.

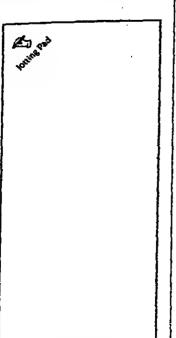
Earl led Penn State with 26 The Hokies rode the 8-for-10 shooting of guard Damon Wa-tlington and a 50-37 rebound

advantage to an easy victory over Canisius (21-13). guard, has been the hero of Marlington, a junior, finished Marquette's NIT ride. He has with 20 points and was perfect

scored 83 of his season total of in the first half, making all five 164 points in the last five games shots he took, four from behind Canisius missed eight of its

Pieper had a career-high 32

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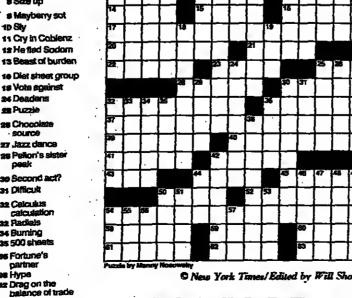
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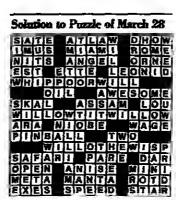
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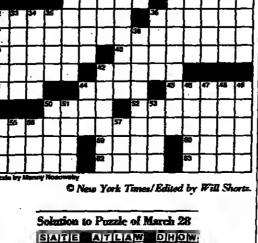
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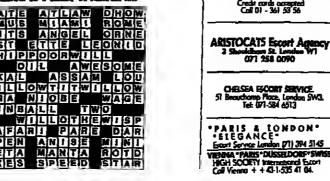
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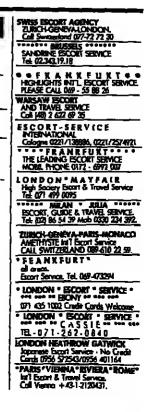
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#### **OBSERVER**

## A Little Cyber Grouch

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Does your blood ruo cold, friend, when you read about the glories of "cyberspace"? Do you have to repress a shrick of protest every time you hear or read or think about "the information highway"?

If so, it means you are an old stick-in-the-mud and are most notably by Vice President doomed to end up in the dustbin of history unless you surrender immediately and come along quietly into the age of

As a devout reactionary, I oaturally despise what these zealous engineers propose to do (b) lacks to us, but cruel experience re- it work minds me it is foolish to oppose them when they are in the heat of re-inventing the world.

My distaste for this latest cre-

ative onset begins with petty, unact to what is being advertised as a magical, irresistible electronic

playground as "cyberspace"?
People capable of afflicting anybody, anything or anyplace with a name like "cyberspace" surely cannot have the spiritual and aesthetic delicacy essential to creation of a magical, irresistible playground, can they?

As for "the information highway," sometimes called "the in-formation superhighway," the underlying assumption strikes me as fatally defective. The modern world is oot dying for want of more information. Quite the opposite; its plight is too much information. It is being battered senseless under ava-

lanches of information. Love of gadgetry is involved here. The prospect of hundreds and hundreds of TV channels emptying into our minds, of movies pumping into our eye-balls through the telephone while incoming messages are depleting our fax-paper supply and

our computer is talking to the bank and paying the gas bill.

Already people who ooce walked abroad on the great green earth and breathed the outdoor air now sit glued through the night to their elec-tronic machines, chatting it up with similarly afflicted cyberspaceniks around the world.

Al Gore, as a blessing for humanity. Still, considering only that part of humanity that is American, it is hard to see how it is going to bless the substantial part of the population that (a) can't afford the machinery and (b) lacks the know-how to make

Many high schools regularly graduate their young so innocent of computer knowledge that they have never worked a keyboard. This considerable part of worthy, whining objections. the population is already going Why, for instance, must they re- to have trouble avoiding the dustbin of history.

> Holding itself together as a oation is already becoming diffi-cult for the United States. The trend everywhere is toward slicing the country into slivers.

> Congress, suddenly uneasy with the Union, tries to give power back to single states. Ethnie groups once content to parade one day a year now insist on year-round awareness of their tribal identities. A country that once insisted everybody be "American without a hyphen" is now restoring its hyphens.

Gore apparently sees a happier future in which the good old ooe nation indivisible will go through life with a laptop on every knee. Let us hope so.

The mood of the prevailing half of the country as expressed in the election just past and by the present Congress does not, however, seem to bode well for cyberspace for all.

New York Times Service

# 'Gump' Sweeps Oscars, Mikhalkov Gets Foreign Award

By William Grimes New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - "Forrest L Gump," the runaway hit about a simple soul caught up in the most turbulent events of postwar America. triumphed on Monday night at the 67th Academy Awards, sweeping all three major awards for which it was nominated, including best picture. Robert Zemeckis won the Oscar for best director, and Tom Hanks was named best actor for his performance in the title role.

The sweep represented a vote for traditional Hollywood values as the feel-good film triumphed over the rawer, more experimental "Pulp Fic-

"Forrest Gump" also won Oscars for film editing, visual effects and best adapted screenplay, by Eric Roth, based on the no...! by Winston

Hanks, who won last year's Oscar for best actor for "Philadelphia," be-came the first person to receive backin-back Oscars in the category since Spencer Tracy, who woo in 1937 and 1938 for "Captains Courageous" and "Boys Town."

The Oscar for best actress went to Jessica Lange for her performance as the manic-depressive wife of an Army officer in "Blue Sky," a film that struggled to make it to theaters after the studio distributing it. Orion Pic-tures, went bankrupt. Lange won an Oscar as best supporting actress for "Tootsie" in 1982 and had previously been nominated four times as best

Dianne Wiest was named best supporting actress for her performance as an aging Broadway ham with delu-sions of grandeur in "Bullets Over Broadway." It was Wiest's second Os-car and third comination in the category. She won for "Hannah and Her Sisters" in 1986 and was nominated

for "Parenthood" in 1989. Martin Landau was named best supporting actor for his performance as an aged Bela Lugosi in "Ed Wood," the director Tim Burton's homage to the hapless director of '50s mega-







Clockwise from top left: Tom Hanks (best actor) kisses Jessica Lange (best actress); Martin Landau was named best supporting actor; Robert Zemeckis best director, and Dianne Wiest best supporting actress.

halkov. Mikhalkov brought his young daughter onstage, calling her the only actress with whom he had never bombs like "Plan 9 From Outer experienced any problems. He then King" received the Oscar for musical G. Thalberg Memorial Award in hon-Space" and "Bride of the Monster." lifted her up, slung her over his shoul- score. The Oscar for original song or of his work as a film producer.

The Oscar for best foreign-language der and marched toward the wings. Went to "Can You Feel the Love To-film went to "Burnt by the Sun," a Quentin Tarantino and Roger might," one of three nominated songs Russian film directed by Nikita Mik-Avary, who wrote "Pulp Fiction," from "The Lion King," all of them Quentin Tarantino and Roger Avary, who wrote "Pulp Fiction," won the Oscar for best original screenmight," one of three nominated songs from "The Lion King," all of them composed by Elton John with lyrics

Hans Zimmer's score for "The Lion

by Tim Rice. Clint Eastwood received the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award in hon-

Malpaso, the film company he found-Malpaso, the film company he rounded 25 years ago, has produced 30 films, including "Unforgiven," "White Hunter, Black Heart," "Tightrope," "Bird," "Magnum Force" and "High Plains Drifter." The award was presented by Arnold Schwarzenegger, who called Eastwood "a Hollywood interiories"

institution."
In accepting the award, Eastwood turned to Schwarzenegger and said, "Thank you, my son." He added, "If I were in Dirty Harry's sights and he said, 'Do you feel hucky?. I'd say 'You're damn right I do."

A special Oscar for lifetime achievement was presented by Jack Nicholinstitution."

ment was presented by Jack Nicholson to the Italian director Michelangelo Antonioni, whose films include "L'Avventura," "La Notte," "Blow-Up," and "The Passenger."

The Oscar for costume design went

to "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert." In an evening notable for its lack of outrageous attire, Lizzy Gardiner, who accepted the award with her co-winner, Tira Chappel, made a vivid impression in a dress made of American Express gold cards. The other winners:

ART DIRECTION: Ken Adam and Carolyn Scott, "The Madness of King George III." CINEMATOGRAPHY: John Toll, "Legcomema for Fall to the Fall DOCUMENTARY FEATURE: Freida Lee Mock and Terry Sanders, "Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision."
DOCUMENTARY SHORT SUBJECT: Charles Guygenheim, "A Time for Justice."
FILM EDITING: Arthur Schmidt, "Forrest

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MAKEUP: Rick Baker, Ve Neill and Yolanda Toursieng, "Ed Wood."

ANIMATED SHORT FILM: Alison Souwden and David Fine, "Bob's Birthday."

LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM: (Tie): Peter Capaldi and Ruth Kenley-Letts, "Franz Raf. In's It's a Wooderful Life," and Peggy Rajshi and Randy Stone, "Trevor."

SOUND: Gregg Landaker, Steve Maslow, Bob Beemer and David R.B. MacMillan, "Speed."

SOUND EFFECTS EDITING: Supplies Humer Flick, "Speed."
VISUAL EFFECTS: Ken Ralson, George Murphy, Stephen Rosenhaum and Allen Rall, "Forrest Gump."

Previously announced: JEAN HERSHOLT HUMANITARIAN AWARD: Quincy Jones.
TECHNICAL AWARD OF MERIT: Eastman Kodak Co. for the development of the Eastman EXR Color Intermediate Film 5244. TECHNICAL AWARD OF MERIT: Petro and Paul Vishos for the conception and development of the Ultimatte Electronic Blue Screen Compositing, Process.

#### WEATHER

North America
Unsettled weather will prevail across the southern
United States with rain from
Texas to Georgia. The rain
will reach Totorica and New
York for a time Thursday into
Friday. Cheagy will be chilly
and meinly ciry, and dry
weather will hold sway slong
the Wee Coast. Europe
A nasty storm will soak sress from southern Italy and Greece to Turkey, who snow blankets parts of central ftely, Yugankede, Romania, Bulguria and Hungary.
Ory bul cold wasthar will extend from France to Poland. The U.K. will have gusty winds and a few show-

Latin America

THE Princess of Wales is fed up with. I photographers. Speaking to a Daily Mirror reporter about the attentions of paparazzi, she said: "Do you know, when I go back to my hotel each afternoon, all the windows of my apartment are sur-rounded by photographers looking in at me? I feel they are raping me. I just don't know what to do. I close the curtains but they are there. I know it. I feel it." Prin-cess Diana is on a skiing vacation in Austria with her sons Whime, 12, and Harry, 10... Meanwhile, Prince Charles suggested in a speech that he was eccentric. Referring to his habit of chatting with his plants, he called himself the "potry prince" and "dotty."

the Parisian theater world gave its Molière awards Monday night. Yasmina Reza's "Art" received Molicres for best play and best commercial production. Pierre Meyrand was named best actor for his role in "Les Affaires sont les affaires," which also got a second award for best set design and a third for best subsidized production. Suzanne Flon won the best actress trophy for her role in "La Chambre d'amis." Alain Françon was voted the best director for his staging of "Les Pièces de guerre." Robert Hossein was honored with a special Molière to celebrate his career.

**PEOPLE** 

London's Independent on Sunday. He succeeds Bill Bulord, now literary editor of The New Yorker. New upheavals at the Bolshoi: Principal ballerina Nadezhda Pavlova has quit the company a day after Alexander Lazarev.

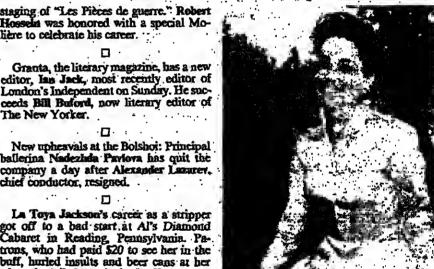
Granta, the literary magazine, has a new

chief conductor, resigned.

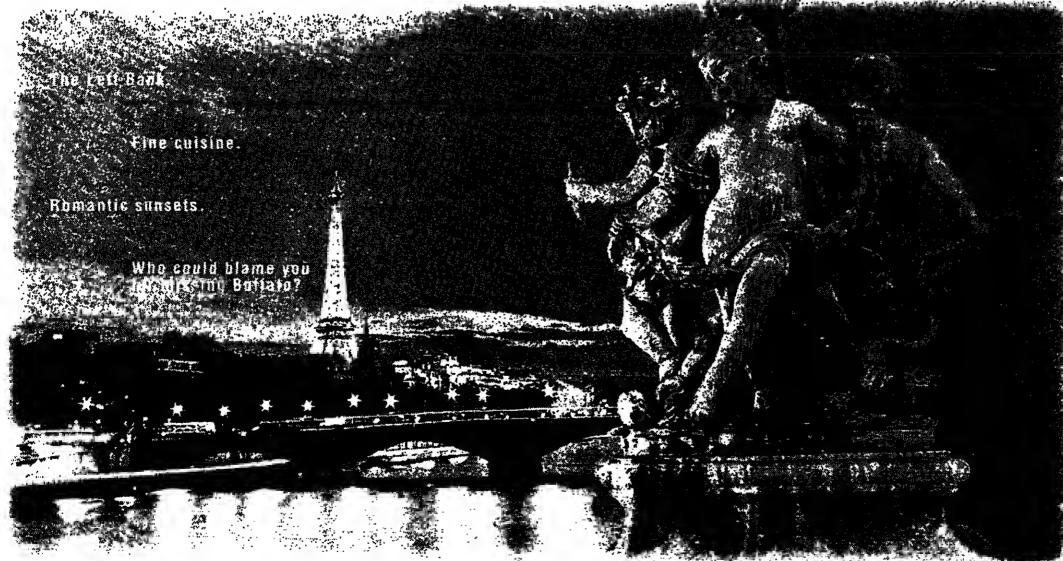
. 🗖 La Toya Jackson's caretr as a stripper got off to a bad start at Al's Diamond Cabaret in Reading, Pennsylvania. Patrons, who had paid \$20 to see her in the buff, hurled insults and beer cans at he

Danish film director Bille August told a Copenhagen newspaper that Jodie Foster might star in a movie he plans based on Peter Hoeg's best-selling novel "Smilla's Sense of Snow." August won an Oscar for

"Pelle the Conqueror" in 1989.



Stone (shown here arriving at the Academy Awards ceremony) has just bought a Beverly Hills villa with a terms court and pool for \$4.5 million,: the Los Angeles Times reports.



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